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SENSATIONAL STORY OF HOW HACHA WAS FORCED TO SIGN AWAY CZECH INDEPENDENCE

Disclosures Based On French Envoy's Report

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

PARIS, Dec. 22 (Havas).—Sensational disclosures, describing how Herr Hitler forced old Professor Emil Hacha, President of Czechoslovakia, to sign away the Czech independence are contained in the Yellow Paper issued by the French Government.

The information is based on a confidential report sent to Paris by M. Robert Coulondre, then French Ambassador to Germany.

Summoned by Herr Hitler to go to Berlin, Professor Hacha, accompanied by his Foreign Minister, M. Shvalkovski, found himself in the presence of a document drafted in its final form.

AMERICAN FEELING NOT DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Experience shows that the American people are entirely ready to draw the line between aggressor and victim regarding the matter of air bombardment, says the New York Times in an editorial headed "Moral Embargo."

"They are ready to take action to make this line effective even though the policy is un-neutral and even though we discriminate against certain countries who do not like what we are doing. We have no reason to be dissatisfied with the result as it comes as a reminder that American feeling is not dead."

Maginot Line Defences To Be Extended

PARIS, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Defences at both ends of the Maginot Line will be extended and strengthened, declared M. Daladier in the Chamber of Deputies today. He added that French casualties since the war began were 1,136 in the Army, 256 in the Navy and 42 in the Air Force.

BIG GIFT OF LAND TO GEN. CHIANG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Ten thousand mow of arable land in Yunnan, belonging to the West China Reconstruction Corporation, has been presented to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as a gift by Chen Kuo-fu and Hsiao Cheng, Chairman of the board of directors and General Manager of the Company, respectively, according to a Chinese press report.

The land is being reserved for agricultural development in the present national reconstruction programme.

GERMAN RAIL DISASTER

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Another German railway disaster occurred 50 miles to the south-west of Berlin. The Berlin-Hamburg express ran into another train and the disaster cost 70 lives.

This is one of the most serious railway accident during the past three months and total deaths during that period amounted to 183.

NO DIVORCE DURING WARTIME

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Chinese National Military Council has sent a communication to the Judicial Yuan that during wartime, when soldiers and officers are fighting at the front, divorces must not be granted by the courts under any circumstances if wives should petition for divorces.

Such petitions can only be taken up in accordance with legal procedure when the war is over.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

The offices of the Hongkong Daily Press will be closed on Christmas Day but will re-open as usual on Tuesday, Boxing Day. There will be no issue of the paper on Tuesday.

The next issue after the holidays will appear on Wednesday morning as usual.

Advertisers are kindly requested to send in their copy as early as possible today and on Tuesday.

Contributors likewise are earnestly asked to co-operate by sending in their "copy" early on these two days.

Swedish Volunteers For Finland

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A huge pro-Finnish demonstration was held in front of the Stockholm railway station yesterday when the first batch of Swedish volunteers for Finland entered.

They are under the command of Captain Tann, who served in the Ethiopian Army as a volunteer during the Abyssinian War.



To reach their destination with greater speed, Chinese tanks used in the recent fighting in Hunan were transported over the highways by special trailers manufactured in Chinese workshops. —(S.H. Hsia.)

Enemy Planes Off Firth Of Forth

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that enemy aircraft were reported off the Firth of Forth this morning and fighter aircraft were sent to intercept them.

At a considerable height, contact was made with an enemy plane, a Heinkel 3.

On being engaged the Heinkel dived into clouds followed by the leader of the British formation. Emerging between two layers of cloud the enemy machine was re-engaged and after a further attack by the fighter it continued to dive.

CONSTRUCTION OF HUGE DOCKS AT PEARL HARBOUR

SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Havas).—The Government has placed an order for the construction of two huge docks at Pearl Harbour, the U.S. Naval base in Hawaii, capable of receiving the largest warships including 40,000-tonners.

Work is starting shortly with the view of completing the docks within three years. The total cost is estimated at over \$8,000,000.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Further contingents of troops from India have now reached Egypt.

and was lost in the lower cloud level.



AN UP-AND-DOWN KIND OF LIFE—This is the way they train The Boys who drive the Army's tanks. They get all the movements they'll have in the real thing, and except for an occasional sinking feeling in the stomach they're doing very well 'tank you.

Restrictions On Sterling Transfers

H.K. AND DEFENCE REGULATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—With reference to the new Order-in-Council announcing further restrictions on Sterling transfers and classing Hongkong as a non-Sterling country, a leading Far Eastern financial authority, interviewed by Reuter, expressed the opinion that the Order was due to the fact that observance of Defence Regulations in Hongkong has hitherto been lax and the Order was designed to tighten it up.

On the other hand, the observance by Singapore has been very correct and "since the war began and it is always necessary for Hongkong, according to the defence regulations, to obtain permits for imports and for remittances against exports."

NO DIFFERENCE

"So long" as the nature of the imports and exports remains legitimate, I do not think that the new Order will make any difference. The only possible difference might be in Chinese remittances from the Straits to Hongkong for forwarding to China, in other words, China's invisible exports, but the amounts of these remittances from the beginning of the war have always been subject to licence and have shown practically no diminution and are not likely to do so now.

Asked why Hongkong has been classed as a non-Sterling country although its currency is backed by Sterling reserves similarly to that of the Straits, the authority drew attention to the large circulation of Hongkong notes throughout South China.

"For practical purposes, Hongkong currency can be regarded as that of a foreign country and measures must be taken to prevent the danger of its notes being used to divert Sterling into illegitimate channels," he added.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Reuter)

—Air Raid Calendars are the latest household innovation here. New calendars for 1940 are being issued, with official approval, giving daily instructions on air raid precautions.

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MEDICAL DEGREES CONFERRED

CONGREGATION AT UNIVERSITY

The degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery was conferred on 12 graduates of the University of Hongkong at an informal Congregation held in the Great Hall yesterday afternoon.

The degrees were conferred by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., in the unavoidable absence of the Chancellor, H. E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G.

Prof. L. T. Ride, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, presented the graduates, who were:—

Gerald Morris Abraham, Solomon Bard, Chan Weng Cheong, Cheng Kwok Kew, Miss Priscilla Meritt Ching, Fan-Ching Wen, Fok Wing Kai, Goh Kok Ann, Lim Soon Kool, Ma Chiu-Chong, Tsang Kwong Kau, Mark Akim Yarovosky-Erooga.

OIL TANKER MINED OFF EAST COAST

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Mined off the East Coast, the British oil tanker Bosnia (8,000 tons) limped into port with a slight list accompanied by a lifeboat.

Forty members of the crew were taken off by the lifeboat and it is understood that there were no casualties.

FIGHTING PROGRESSES IN VICINITY OF NANNING: CHINESE PUSH UNCHECKED

KWEILIN, Dec. 22 (Central).—Fighting has again been brought to the neighbourhood of Nanning.

On the Nanning-Wuming highway the Chinese are pushing toward Santang, only eight miles north of Nanning, while on the Nanning-Pinyang highway they have advanced for approximately 12 miles, driving out the Japanese from Kunlungwan and Paitang.

Chinese military circles attach much importance to the recapture of the strategic pass Kunlungwan, the gateway to Nanning from the north-east. Extremely heavy casualties were suffered by both sides in the engagement leading to the Chinese recapture on Wednesday.

It is said that Japanese aircraft subjected the Chinese to terrific bombardment to halt their advance, without success. Chinese artillery effectively blasted the enemy out of their positions.

EQUIPMENT TAKEN
Considerably Japanese Military equipment was captured by the Chinese during the last few days' fighting.

A Central News correspondent, visiting the front, saw several Chinese soldiers shouldering more than ten captured Japanese machine-guns to report to their superior officer.

STRIKES IN SHANGHAI SPREAD TO FOREIGN FIRM: A.P.C. INVOLVED

Rice Allowance: Chinese Employees Dissatisfied

SHANGHAI, DEC. 22 (REUTER).—THE RECENT STRIKES THROUGHOUT SHANGHAI IN CONNEXION WITH THE RICE ALLOWANCE HAS NOW SPREAD TO A FOREIGN FIRM.

A large portion of Chinese employees of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, leading British oil concern, is at present striking owing to dissatisfaction over wages and especially as regards their rice allowance.

The demonstration includes clerks, boys and coolies in the Company's office on the Bund and also affects one of the Company's depots.

The foreign staff, together with several loyal Chinese, continue to work but the normal office routine has been virtually at a standstill since 11.15 this morning.

One of the Company's managers, referred to, declared "that the situation was not as serious as it seemed and believed that an amicable solution to the present difficulty would be reached very shortly."

BRISK DEBATES EXPECTED IN TOKYO DIET

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Some of the most tense and brisk debates ever heard in the Diet are expected by observers to be staged during the session which has been convened for tomorrow, as never before in Japanese history has there been so many vital domestic and foreign issues demanding clarification.

Great activity is taking place in political circles as most Parties are meeting today to draw up their platforms in connexion with the coming session.

The Minseitō and Seiyukai Parties are expected to co-operate with the Government.

In view of the fact that the political parties believe that the time has arrived for the restoration of Party Government, it may be expected that they will all do their utmost to prove to the nation their ability to govern.

Adm. Nomura On Japanese Policy

'CHINA INCIDENT' & RE-OPENING OF YANGTZE

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The work towards "disposing of the China Incident" was "making favourable progress, while the American attitude towards Japan showed some signs of improvement," the Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, informed a number of Japan's most influential financial leaders yesterday.

NATIONAL POLICY

Regarding the re-opening of the Yangtze to third power shipping, Admiral Nomura is reported to have said: "The re-opening of the river to free navigation will give considerable disturbance to your interests on the spot, but as the river will be re-opened from a broader standpoint of national policy, I hope you will bear the temporary inconvenience and go ahead in realising Sino-Japanese economic co-operation."

Paravanes To Protect Dutch Ships

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—It is learned that Holland is busy preparing paravanes to protect her merchant shipping against mines.

In mid-September, 30 steel paravanes were ordered from Germany this being the largest quantity obtainable abroad at a time. Even in peacetime, however, a paravane cannot be delivered in much less than 8 months. Others are being made in Holland.

The Minister of Defence states that it is not impossible that Dutch shipping companies may order further paravanes from Britain, France and Italy.

BURMESE MISSION IN CHENG TU

CHENG TU, Dec. 22 (Central).—The Burmese Goodwill Mission arrived here from Chungking by plane yesterday morning. "Thousands of people, including representatives of various organizations and schools, greeted the party at the aerodrome."

At a reception, Mayor Yang Chuan-yu welcomed the mission. He expressed the hope that the Mission will tell the true situation in China to the Burmese.

SEPARATE CALLS

In the afternoon, the Mission made separate calls on Gen. Teng Hui-hou and Gen. Pan Wen-hua, respectively Pacification Commissioner and Deputy Pacification Commissioner of Szechwan and Sikang. Mr. Huang Chi-lu, member of the Opium-Suppression Commission of the Ministry of Interior, and Gen. Ho Kuo-kwang, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters in Chengtu.

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In the World of Sports

LARGEST SOFTBALL PROGRAMME IN CURRENT SEASON WILL BE STAGED TOMORROW

Hong League Now In Full Swing: Keen Games Likely

BY R.O.Y.

With the Hong League getting into full swing, tomorrow's softball programme will be the largest staged during the current season.

In the opening game of three Ladies' fixtures on the Prince Edward Road ground, the Wildcats meet the Pirates at 10.30 a.m. Last season's champions have taken two defeats this early in the campaign and will go all out to redeem a somewhat tarnished reputation.

The Buccaneers have been displaying improvement in recent outings, and should put up quite a fair showing against what was once considered the best team in the League.

NOON CLASH

The Wahos should have things easy when they clash with the Cardinals at noon, but it would be a fearless upstart who would attempt to forecast the results of the girls' games after the surprising upsets of last week.

The rightcap will see the Cubs opposed to the Ball Club girls at 1.30 p.m. and the Bruins will need even more good joss, than they had last week, to take the Ball girls.

MEN'S LEAGUE

The first of the five Men's games will see Reccelo "A" clash with the Mindanao gang. The sailors have just got back in port, and a keen tussle is promised.

I.A.C.—FORUMERS

The English Forumers clash with the International Athletics at 12.30 p.m. on the C.B. A. ground.

The Forumers have gone from bad to worse since the start of the season and will have to show vast improvement to stand a chance against the I.A.C. gang who show marked mechanical ability.

The Canadian Chinese should have an easy outing when they take on the Central British Association at 1.45 p.m.; the Canucks have an undefeated record of which to boast, but have not met any of the stronger contestants.

TROJANS—V.R.C.

The Trojans should give the Victoria Recreation Club an excellent battle at 3 p.m.; despite the latter's higher standing in the league tables.

The V.R.C. boys gave a lackadaisical display when they went down to Reccelo, but can confidently be expected to pep things up against the weaker Trojan gang.

The powerful Chung Hwa aggregation should meet with little opposition in their match against the Filipino Club at 4.15 p.m., although you can be sure that Prexy Idefonso will have his boys in there trying.

HONG FIXTURES

Three Hong fixtures are to be played on the Marina ground, starting with the National City Bankers-China Provident clash at 10 a.m.

The latter are in their first year of active competition, and cannot expect to beat the more experienced Bankers.

Another new combination, Cables, take the field against the Ewo Brewers at 11.15 a.m., after which the well-fancied Socony squad meets the American Express.

In the first of a double header on the Murray Parade ground, Hongkong Electric's tangle with the Shell Oilers while the nightcap will feature the Chartered Bankers against Union Insurance.

FULL PROGRAMME

The full programme is as follows:

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD

10.30 a.m.: Wildcats v Pirates. Umpires:—F. J. Molthen, H. Wing Lee and H. Campos.

12 noon: Cardinals v Wahos. Umpires:—Nip Lum, Tuffy Chinn and C. S. Chung.

1.30 p.m.: Ball Club v Cubs. Umpires:—F. J. Molthen, Nip Lum and Tuffy Chinn.

C.B.A. GROUND

12.30 p.m.: English Forum v I.A.C. Umpires:—W. W. G. White and J. Delgado.

1.45 p.m.: Canadian Chinese v

POOR STANDARD IN R.A. CUP POLO TOURNEY

Failing Light At Boundary Road

Failing light was, no doubt, conducive to the poor standard of polo displayed at Boundary Road yesterday when the World Workers met the Ancients in the Royal Artillery Cup Polo Competition.

Starting with a handicap of plus one goal, the World Workers easily defeated the Ancients by six goals to three in an unusually dull, slow and colourless game.

The World Workers, with Whitehead and Bourfield prominent in the attack, set the pace and dominated play throughout, and it was only in the last few minutes of play that the Ancients seemed to wake up and through the good combination of Wilson and Morgan reduce their already heavy deficit of goals.

ANCIENTS PRESS

The Ancients opened pressing but several scoring attempts went wide.

The next two chukkers saw a few goals scored by both sides and it was only in the final session that the Ancients made a desperate bid but only with moderate results.

WORLD WORKERS—L. A. Lewis, J. K. Bousfield, Major P. S. Whitehead and Commodore A. M. Peters and Major Way (playing alternative chukkers).

ANCIENTS—Major R. E. Moody, Major W. A. C. Morgan, Capt. W. B. Wilson and Lt. Col. F. D. Field.

GOVERNOR SEES PHYSICAL DRILL DISPLAY

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, watched a display of physical drill at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday morning when 900 boys and girls from local vernacular schools competed in their annual physical training competition.

After the display His Excellency distributed certificates of merit to the following schools:—

The Ling Tung School; Fong Lam School; Tun Man Boys' School; Tak Ming School; Kun Shu Boys' School; Shuk Chi Girls' School; Ling Nam School and The Tung Tsing Association Free School.

The Hung Hom Kalfong School was first in the competition and the Chung Wah Boys' School was second and they were selected to give exhibitions before His Excellency.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote complimented all the schools on the high standard of training and the excellent display given by them.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present at the Kwant Races on Dec. 26, at 1 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor will be present at the screening of "The Warning" at the Queen's Theatre, on Friday next, Dec. 29, at 4.30 p.m.



Discussing prospects at the 13th Extra Race meeting, the last of the racing season, held at Happy Valley.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

CRICKET.—First Division, University v. Civil Service; I.R.C. v. K.C.C.; Reccelo v. Club. Second Division, Club v. Reccelo; K.C.C. v. I.R.C.; Civil Service v. R.A.F.

FOOTBALL.—First Division, Kowloon v. Royal Navy, Kowloon; St. Joseph's v. South China A. Caroline Hill; Police v. Royal Scots, Boundary Street; 4 p.m. Second Division A, 5th A.A. v. Kit Che, Sookunpoo; South China v. 30th R.A. Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; 8th R.A. v. Eastern, Stanley; 4 p.m. Second Division B, Kowloon v. Kwong Wah, Kowloon; R.A.F. v. Police, Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.; Royal Scots v. Signals, Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Third Division, R.A.S.C. v. Royal Scots, Sookunpoo; Signals v. International, Happy Valley, 4 p.m.; R.A.M.C. v. 12th R.A., Happy Valley; Engineers v. Kumaons, Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

RUGBY.—Triangular Tournament, Club v. Army (Club) 4 p.m.; Club A v. Navy A. (Club) 2.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL.—First Division, Kwong Wah v. Eastern, Boundary Street; Club v. South China B, Club, 4 p.m. Second Division A, Club v. R.A.O.C. Club 2.30 p.m. Third Division, Electric v. 24th R.A. Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; South China v. 5th A.A. Caroline Hill 4 p.m.

HUNTING.—Fanning Hunt meets at Hunters' Arms, 2.45 p.m.

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1 Qt. Martell's • • • Brandy.	1 Qt. Manzanilla Sherry.
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No. 3 HAMPER—\$60.00.

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1 Pt. D.O.M.	1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
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23—Tides: High 7.07 a.m. and 6.44 p.m. Low 1.52 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Peking Lodge.
Institute of Business Administration—Students' Christmas Party at Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.
Central British School, Students' Dance, St. Andrew's Hall, 9 p.m.
R.E.W.O.'s and Serpents' Mess, Whist Drive and Dance, 8.30 p.m.
24—Tides: High 6.17 a.m. and 7.22 p.m. Low 2.13 a.m. and 12.56 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.
Christmas Eve.
St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 8.15 p.m.
R.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.
Softball League.
25—Tides: High 9.09 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.54 a.m. and 1.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.
Christmas Day.
St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.
International Soccer, China vs. Portugal, Soekopo, 3 p.m.
26—Tides: High 9.55 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 3.22 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.
Boxing Day.
International Soccer, H.K.F.C. ground Scotland vs. England, 3.30 p.m.
R.E.O.C.A. "Pancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
Fencing Hunt and Race Club Meeting at University, 8 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.
H.K.O.S.C.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.
Canadian Chinese Club, Christmas Party, Metropole Hotel, 9 p.m.
Tea Dance at Craigswater Cricket Club.
27—Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
A.L. Fraternity of Canton, Christmas Party, Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.
29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.
"Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.
30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.
R.A.M.C. Assn. Grand Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
31—New Year's Eve.
Festal Dinner: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.
Football Shield, First Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

LONDON GAZETTE

Second supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, Dec. 5:
WAR OFFICE, DEC. 5
REGULAR ARMY

Cols. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) to be Maj.-Gen.: S. R. Wason, M.C. (Sept. 2), with seny. June 17, 1938; P. de Fontblaque, D.S.O. (Sept. 3), with seny. June 20, 1938; E. L. Morris, G.B.E., M.C. A.D.C. (Sept. 4), with seny. June 27, 1938.

COMMANDS AND STAFF
Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) M. O'M. C. from Insp. to be Comdr. and to retain the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. (Dec. 1); Maj. H. L. G. Burton, M.C., R.A., to be G.S.O. 2nd Grade (Aug. 17); the notif. in the Gazette of Oct. 3 regarding Capt. J. H. H. Whitty, M.C., R.W.K., is cancelled.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY
W.O.s to be Lts. (Qr.-Maj.): Mr. Gnr. (ist Cl.) H. J. Abbott (Oct. 17); Artfr. Sergt.-Maj. E. G. Merwood (Nov. 23), with seny. Oct. 17, 1938, and precedence next below Lt. (Qr.-Maj.) L. B. Hammond.

INFANTRY
Lan. Fus.—Capt. W. L. Edwards to be Maj. (Nov. 8); Lt. D. W. Rayner to be Capt. (Dec. 9).
F. Surrey R.—Lt. (Qr.-Maj.) W. G. Gingsell, M.B.E., M.M., to be Capt. (Qr.-Maj.) (Dec. 9).
Middx. R.—Lt. Col. H. Phillips, M.C., is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (Dec. 7).

HONG KONG-SINGAPORE ROYAL ARTILLERY
The foll. promotions are made: Subadar (2nd Grade) Maddat Shah to be Subadar (1st Grade) (Oct. 1, 1938); Jemadar (2nd Grade) Lal Khan to be Jemadar (1st Grade) (Oct. 1, 1938); 2333 Haydar-Major Sahib Dad to be Temp. Jemadar (2nd Grade) (Sept. 1).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE
Sister Miss R. M. Luther retires with gratuity on account of ill-health (Dec. 9).

The Confirmation Service which was to have been held in Christ Church, Kowloon Tong at 10 a.m. on Sunday, has been postponed to a date which will be announced later. The Bishop will preach at the Midnight Eucharist on Sunday.

"The Little Princess" At Majestic

In her first Technicolor production, Shirley Temple reveals all her radiant charm and amazing talent in "The Little Princess," the 20th Century-Fox hit, which opens at the Majestic Theatre today.

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REPATRIATED GERMANS FROM SOUTH TYROL TO BE SENT TO POLAND

NEW ITALO-NAZI AGREEMENT

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Germans who are being repatriated from South Tyrol are reported to be bitterly disappointed at the news that most of them are to be sent to German-occupied Poland.

NORTH TYROL
This information was given to a number of repatriates on their arrival at Innsbruck on Wednesday by the local Nazi chief.
North Tyrol, he told them, will be available only for a small number of South Tyroleans.

ITALO-GERMAN PACT
ROME, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Germans living in Bolzano and North Italy have been offered the choice of German citizenship and repatriation or continued Italian citizenship, under the Italo-German Agreement, the text of which was published yesterday. They must choose before Dec. 31.

Different coloured voting papers are being issued—white for Italy and yellow for Germany.

The agreement was signed by Herr Himmler and Signor Guidi, Under-secretary for the Interior.

INDIA CONGRESS DECISION

WARDHA, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Working Committee of the All India National Congress decided that Congress members should continue to abstain from attending the Central Legislature, except so far as this is necessary to retain party seats.

The Dowager Lady Leonfield, Stanhope Gate, W., widow of the 2nd Lord Leonfield and sister of the 5th Earl of Rosebery, left £32,019 (n.p. £31,029).

Birthday Stalin's 60th

EULOGISTIC PRESS REFERENCES

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Soviet press contained no news of the operations in Finland yesterday, but devoted large tracts of space to M. Stalin's sixtieth birthday.

LYRICAL TERMS
They grew quite poetic about him, speaking in lyrical terms of his "wisdom, ability and loveliness."

It is interesting to note, in connection with the decoration of the order of Lenin, the highest order in Soviet Russia, which has been bestowed on M. Stalin, that the last recipient was the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop.

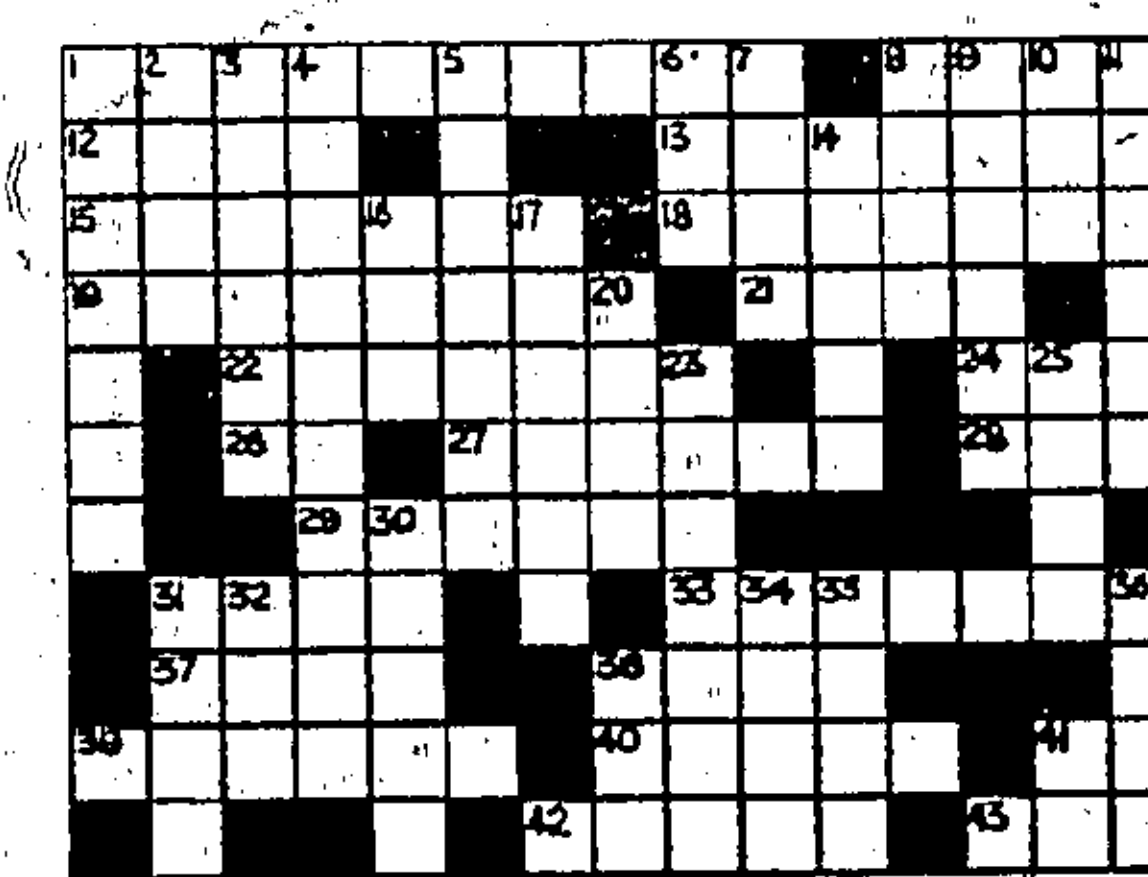
CHUNGKING, CELEBRATION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Central).—The 60th birthday of M. Stalin was celebrated in a big way by Soviet and Chinese leaders here yesterday.

The Sino-Soviet Cultural Association held a tea reception to which Mr. Chang Chi, member of the Central Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang, Gen. Feng-Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chow Chung-yueh, Vice-Minister of Interior, and M. Alexandre S. Panaouchkine, Soviet Ambassador to China, were invited. Mr. Shao Li-tse, Chairman, gave the main speech.
In the evening, Soviet residents here celebrated the occasion in the Soviet Embassy.

The People's Foreign Relations Association has sent a congratulatory telegram to M. Stalin.

CROSSWORD NO. 494



ACROSS CLUES

- Unpleasant surprises prepared by enemy
- One's lot
- Horse taken from hero and ridden away
- Charger—he may be tied up in court
- To solidify, incidentally splitting the fuel
- He's the one who crows about getting up early
- Before, with industrious insect before
- Its bark frightens no one
- Cruel emperor comes in to help for meteorological instrument
- Desert
- A personal word to open meeting
- Bellowing might wake these headless members, if not the dead
- A watery resort
- Most unmannerly
- Having one at farming doesn't always mean getting a bull
- Pass are you try to make slander new
- Salesman who's a pest
- Trick—sounds as if it would do for a time
- Cable from washer
- By itself it's not anything borrowed
- Heart of 36 down or head of 42 across
- Their human counterparts are proverbially stupid
- Ends in state

DOWN CLUES

- These covered walks are

- sometimes curved, as first part suggests
- Night light
- Small 18 across would apparently rule out Sandy's hat
- Not at all sweetly disposed
- Carried in triumph, and blushing in the end
- This nest is serious
- Northerner in a lover's cottage
- Smoking one may be followed by fearful row
- Stares into flowers
- This thing makes baby fretful
- Mistakes in plain English
- These "hearts" would be twenty if their end came first
- Before—before before was proffered
- Appeared indistinctly
- It's no surprise to find these bones in a chest
- Particulars
- Imitates—up to monkey tricks again, perhaps
- Pronounce
- A great one wanted to be 40 across
- Used to ask manner
- Would quick solver leave this fruit far behind
- Clearly included in writer's expenses
- Be at this one and there's no discomfort
- A bit of a waster
- Backward way of saying thank you?

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Nazi Scuttling Policy:

Sea - Bottom The Safest Place

THE GRAF SPEE'S SECRETS

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—In official Nazi circles it is now said that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was ordered so as to avoid the risk of technical secrets falling to foreign hands if she was interned.

SAFEST PLACE

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Nazi scuttling policy is possibly also due to the expectation that German methods may again bring neutrals into the war against her.

Uruguay might justifiably seize interned merchantship to compensate for the damage by the scuttled Graf Spee in Montevideo Harbour. The seabottom, therefore, is the safest place for them.

Finest Body Of Men To Cross Ocean

WAR MINISTER'S TRIBUTE TO THE CANADIANS

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Following his visit to the "Hore Belisha Palace" Camp in England of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Mr. Hore Belisha, War Minister, spoke warmly of the discipline and efficiency of the Canadian troops.

QUITE UNBEATABLE

"When one sees these men, one has no doubt about the result of the war," he said. "I think they are quite unbeatable. I don't think any finer body of men ever crossed the ocean."

SUBMARINE GETS HUGE WELCOME

URSULA BACK IN PORT AFTER HER GREAT FEAT

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Dockyard workers cheered and naval ratings lined the rails of the submarine supply ship to give a tremendous welcome to the submarine Ursula, when she sailed into harbour after her great feat of sinking a German cruiser of the Koln class in the mouth of the Elbe.

SPECIAL LEAVE

After the Ursula docked and the bearded members of her crew had posed for newsreel cameramen, news came that all had been granted special Christmas leave in recognition of their service.

Within a few hours all had caught trains to their homes.

Air - Naval Co - operation

SURVIVORS FROM SUNK SWEDISH SHIP SAVED

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The story of how co-operation between British planes and a destroyer saved six survivors of a torpedoed Swedish ship in the North Sea was told in London yesterday.

SIGHTED BY PLANE

An R. A. F. plane, on coastal patrol, sighted a small raft with six Swedes on it. It immediately signalled the news to its base and another plane was sent out to keep in contact with the raft.

The Admiralty, meanwhile, sent out a destroyer.

Thanks to a fierce gale blowing at the time, the raft was driven far from its original position and the rescue plane had to carry out a wide search for it.

Guided by its flares, the destroyer picked the men up after steaming full speed for a hundred miles or so.

Sir Edward Harding, United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa and High Commissioner for High Commission Territories, left London on Thursday, accompanied by Lady Harding, to take up his appointment. The Secretary for Dominion Affairs saw him off.

TURKEY'S SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

ENVOY ADMIRES THE INDOMITABLE CHINESE SPIRIT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Central).—Turkey has the most profound sympathy for China's resistance to aggression, declared M. Esmail Sipahi, first Turkish Minister to China, in an interview with the Central News upon his arrival here yesterday morning.

FINAL VICTORY

The Turkish envoy added that he personally has the greatest admiration for the Chinese indomitable spirit in this war.

Regarding the outcome of the war, Mr. Sipahi said with an emphatic tone that China will undoubtedly emerge victorious. All the Turks, he stated, hope for China's final victory and rejuvenation so that peace may be restored in the Far East.

CORDIAL RELATIONS

Referring to Sino-Turkish relations, Mr. Sipahi said that they are more cordial than ever before. He feels himself greatly honoured to be the first Turkish Minister to China, a great Oriental country with a long history and a glorious civilisation, and will do his best to better the relations between the two countries.

Weather News Now Kept Secret

ALLIES ADVANTAGE OVER GERMANY

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Meteorological conditions at this season give Britain and France a considerable advantage over Germany.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Prevailing winds and the bulk of our weather come from the west. Information is gathered from North America, the west coast of Ireland and sometimes from the Atlantic and also from land and balloon observation in England and France, but Germany also depends on the latter areas for a knowledge of her own coming weather.

The Air Ministry, therefore, on the outbreak of war, cancelled the usual forecasts and the weather became a guarded secret.

FRIEND OF GLADSTONE DIES AT 95

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Shuttleworth, a friend of Mr. Gladstone and a man who was a member of the House of Commons under twelve Prime Ministers, died in London yesterday at the age of 95.

M.P. IN 1869

Lord Shuttleworth became Liberal M.P. for Hastings Division in 1869 and was a member of the House of Commons until 1902, during which he represented Clitheroe Division of Lancashire for 17 years.

He was the son of the first Baronet, and was created a Baron in 1902. In 1886 he was made a Privy Councillor.

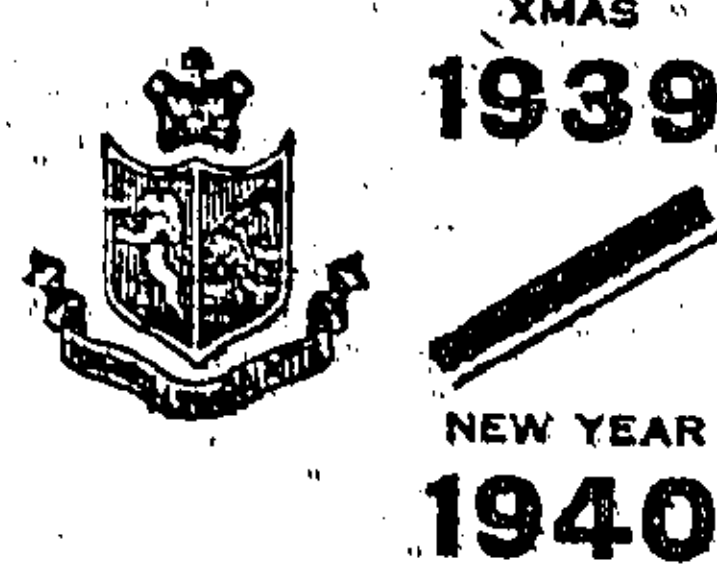
He was a member of the London School Board from 1880-1882 and in 1888 was made Under-Secretary in the India Office.

From 1892-1895 he served as Secretary to the Admiralty and from 1906-1911 as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Canals. He was also President of the County Territorial Association for 1902-1928.

He lost two sons in the last war. His heir is Richard Paul Kay-Shuttleworth, a grandson.

DANISH NAVAL ATTACHES

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—It was officially announced yesterday that the Danish Government "deemed it opportune, in the present circumstances," to appoint Naval attaches to the Danish Legations in London and Berlin.



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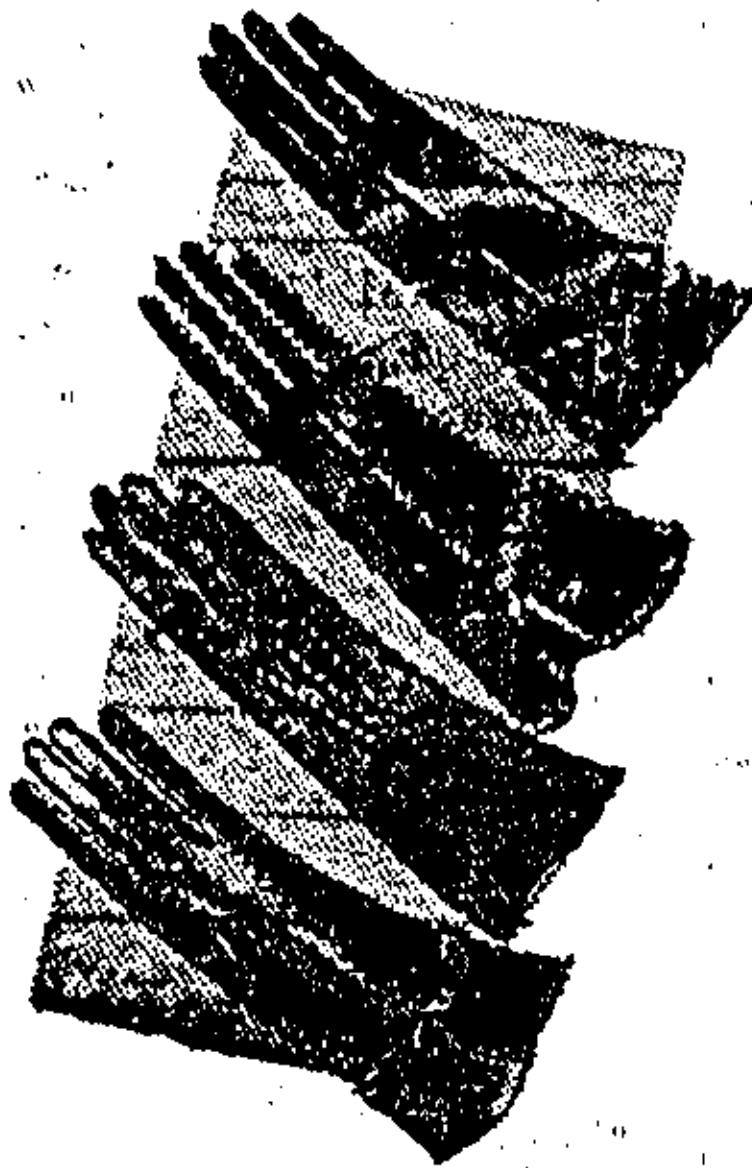
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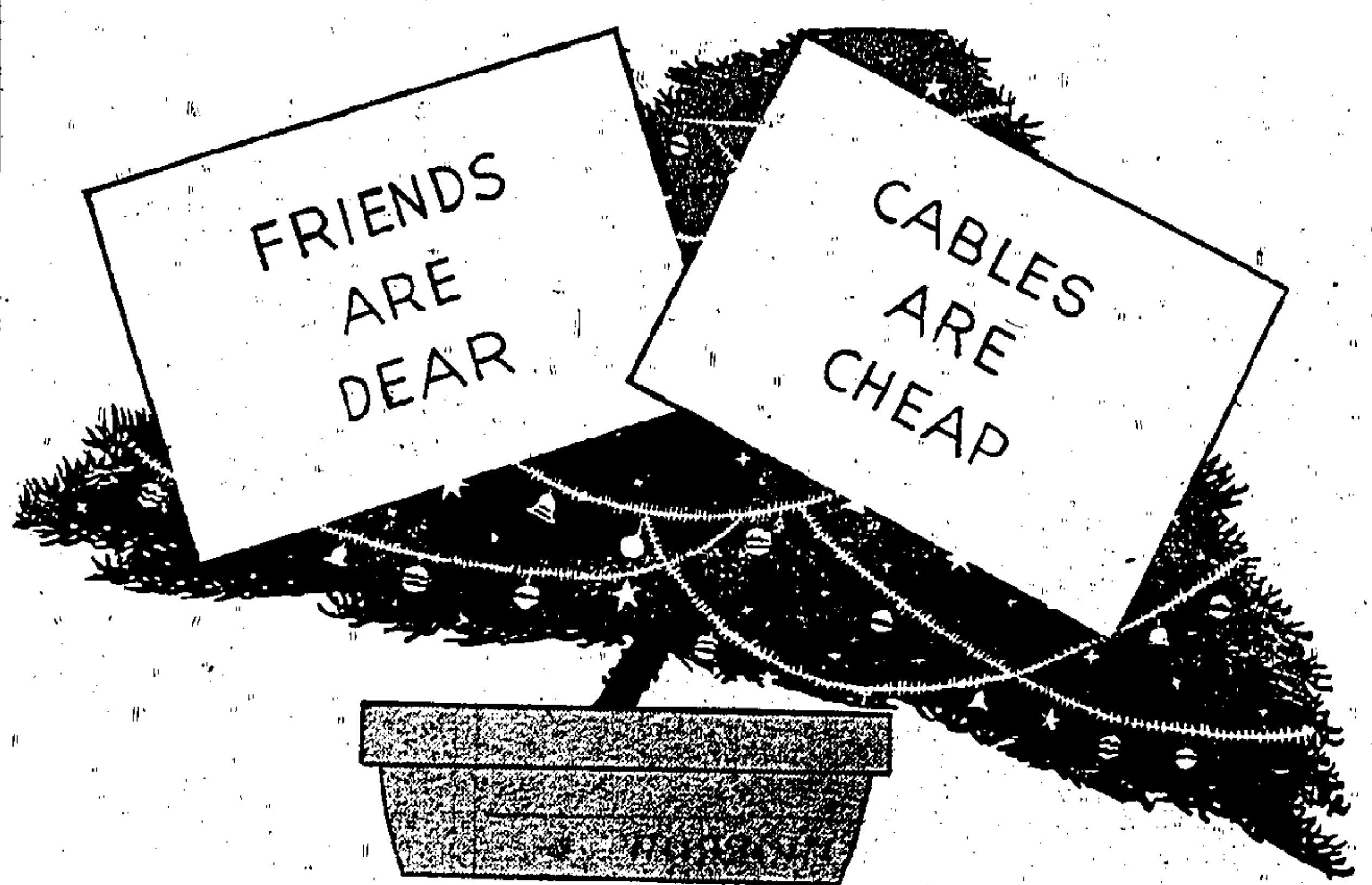
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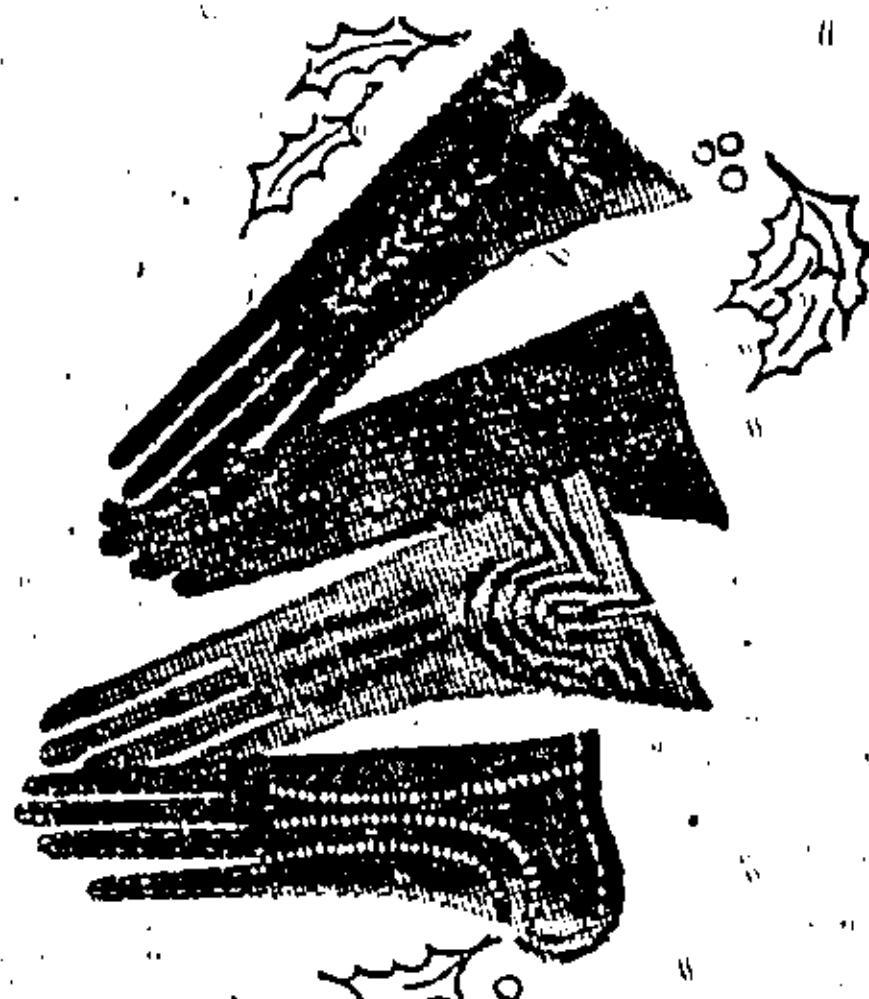
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ILLUMINATING TALK ON TEA & TEA TRADE OF CHINA BY MR. P. WITHAM

A very illuminating lecture on tea and on the tea trade of China, from the earliest times to the present day, was given yesterday by Mr. P. E. Witham, Tea Adviser to the Chinese National Government, before a meeting of the Sino-British Cultural Association at the Fung Ping Shan Library yesterday. Among those who attended was His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Witham said he felt sure that with the coming of more tranquil times, the National Government would put into effect certain measures whereby the tea farmers of China's tea-producing provinces could receive financial encouragement and technical teaching in the production of the crop. These measures were at present temporarily shelved, but would be brought into operation as circumstances will permit.

"I would mention one important development that has already taken place in the National Government's campaign to improve the tea trade," Mr. Witham said, "and that is the founding of a tea company between the National Government and the Yunnan Provincial Government to operate in Yunnan."

ENTIRELY NEW TYPE

"As I mentioned already this is one of the birthplaces of tea and already improvements carried out have resulted in an entirely new type of China tea becoming available for foreign markets. From the preliminary reports received from the London tea markets, these appear to be welcomed and comments on the quality are most encouraging towards future efforts."

Included in the lecture was a severe criticism of the non-economical "middle-men" system of marketing, whereby tea that is bought at a low price from the farmer, is priced on the foreign market at a figure that often does not permit of successful competition with India, Ceylon, Japan or Java tea.

Replying to a question from the floor, Mr. Witham quoted an instance when tea that was bought at \$12 a picul from a farmer, was priced at \$100 a picul when sold to a foreign firm.

SYSTEM BAD

"The system of marketing China teas through the hands of several middle-men before it reaches the final exporting firm is bad. It raises the ultimate cost of tea as each middle-man has to take his profit."

By the time London is reached, the tea is often hopelessly out-priced in price ranges when compared with other countries where the system is from the estate to the London market direct, via the Tea Broker, who auctions the tea on behalf of the tea company."

The Chinese Government, Mr. Witham said, realised the difficulties confronting the country's tea trade, and since 1937 have taken serious steps to improve the tea export industry. In the early summer of 1937 the China National Tea Corporation was formed, sponsored by the Ministry of Industry of the Central Government and by the Provincial Governments of Anhwei, Hupei,

Hunan, Kiangsi, Chekiang and Fukien.

This was a real attempt to improve the quality of the tea, and also to improve facilities for marketing it. Unfortunately, the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war two months later seriously handicapped the programme, but in spite of the difficulties that arose out of war conditions the tea trade in China has carried on.

EXPERIMENTAL STATIONS

The Provincial Governments have founded Tea Experimental Stations in most of the provinces where tea is grown. The Station at Keemun City in southern Anhwei, in the heart of the most famous tea district in China, has done especially good work.

The function of these Tea Stations is not merely to make tea from the adjoining areas that belong to the station, but also to improve the technical knowledge of the farmers in the surrounding countryside.

Normal rail, river and sea routes have been seriously interfered with since the war, the speaker said, and Shanghai has had to be abandoned as the marketing centre for China's tea trade.

Hongkong has now become the market for export of China's tea, and in spite of all the difficulties at present confronting the trade, China last year exported an increase of over 2,000,000 lbs. in weight of tea over 1937, and over nine millions more than 1936.

The present year has seen even greater difficulties, due to the Japanese naval blockade over the China Coast, but in spite of this tea is arriving in Hongkong and everything is being done to keep alive one of China's most famous national products.

ABNORMAL TIMES

"I have heard criticisms levelled at the tea trade having become a Government monopoly," Mr. Witham said. "I admit that such monopolies are not good for trade, and this has been proved in the past, but it must be realised that abnormal times are with us and the Chinese Government must conserve its commercial resources."

"To such critics I must point out that had the Government not exercised a degree of control, the tea could never have reached the marketing centres. The tea farmers are desperately poor and, to use a colloquialism, the tea crop affords a scraping of jam on their very dry bread."

"When abnormal conditions arise, these farmers have no reserves of capital to draw on to tide over bad times as have the rich tea companies in other countries. Somebody must come to their help if tea is to be maintained and the Government has managed to do this in spite of all the financial demands imposed upon it in war time."

Results Of Nurses Board Examination

The following are the results of the Nurses Board Examination, held in November and December, 1939, under Section 4 of the Nurses Registration Ordinance 1931, Ordinance No. 1 of 1931:

PRELIMINARY

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Honours:—Miss Amy Lam.
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Passed:—Misses Yuen So Ying, Lee Kwai Foon, Lam Mei Yung, Lee Kit Ying, Messrs Tsang Hin Pang, Chu Wo Kwai, Chan Kwok Wai, Miss Meery Tam, Miss Tse Wai Lin, Mr. Kwok Yu Kee, Mr. Chan Fook Pul.

KWONG WAI HOSPITAL

Passed:—Misses Wong Pui Lau, Law Shau Tin, Wong Shau Yuet, Lee Wan Tong, Lau Fung Yek, Ng Lau Fong.

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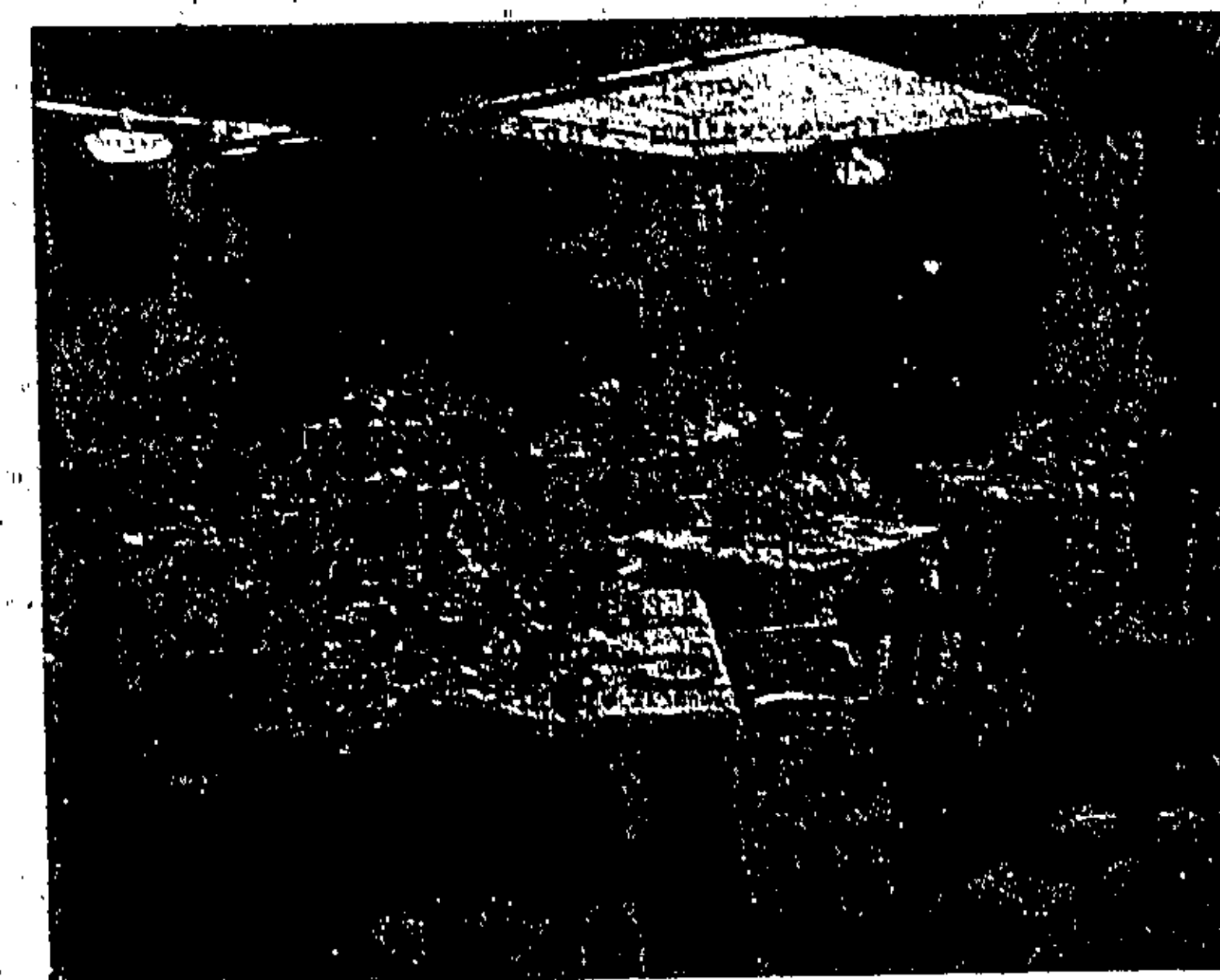
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Government Hospitals:—Miss Lucy Tang, Mr. Yeung Kam Hong, Mr. Lee Tack Hing, Miss Annie Choy, Miss Cecilia Ng.

Tung Wah Hospital:—Miss Yuen Yuet Wa, Miss Ng Lai Yin.

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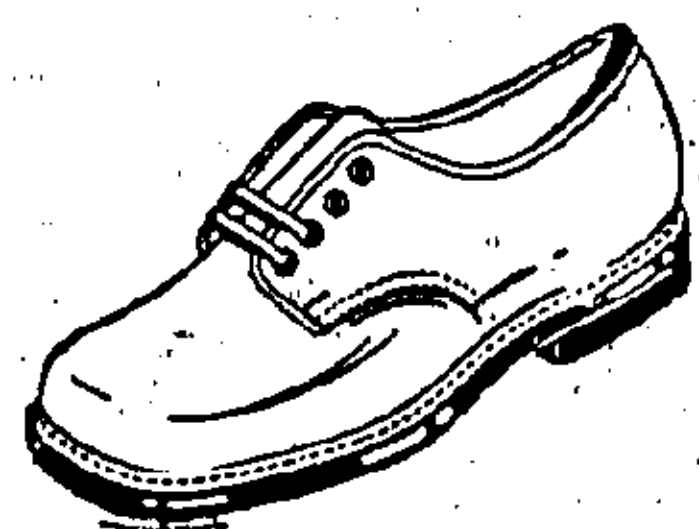
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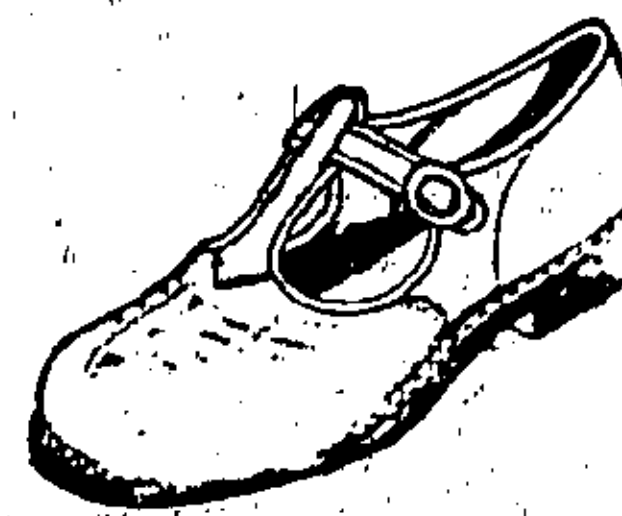
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COAL IN THE WAR

(Contributed)

THE SUCCESS of a modern war machine depends on the complete co-ordination of all its parts. There must be smooth working throughout the whole military industrial structure, from the front line back to the factories and workshops and sources of raw material. Smooth working requires detailed organisation and the use of the most up-to-date arms and industrial equipment. It requires a large body of trained specialists and steady supplies to repair the breaches made by war. But above all it needs fuel at every point. The war machine lives by what it burns.

THE IMPORTANCE of petroleum supplies in war is everywhere recognised. The failure of such supplies means the immobilisation of the armed forces on land, sea and air. It is equally true that industry cannot continue to play its vital part unless its fuel requirements are satisfied. And the most important of industrial fuels is coal. It is obvious therefore that an objective examination of the present stocks of coal and oil and probable future supplies of these two vital materials is likely to produce some important indications of the probable course and outcome of the war.

GERMANY (including Austria and Czecho-Slovakia) produces annually about 200 million metric tons of coal and about an equal weight of lignite. By the usual calculation nine tons of lignite are equal in fuel value to two tons of coal. The total production may therefore be expressed as the equivalent of 245 million tons of coal per annum. This figure has already been altered by the fortunes of war. The conquest of Poland has given Germany about 45 million metric tons per annum of additional supplies, and the evacuation of the Saar has reduced her home production by about 15 million metric tons per year. The present annual production may therefore be placed at roughly 275 million metric tons.

THE AGGREGATE PRODUCTION of the United Kingdom, the rest of the British Empire and France amounts to about 360 million metric tons of coal and anthracite. These figures demonstrate clearly on which side the advantage lies in the matter of production. But production figures alone do not give a complete picture of the war alignment in the matter of coal. It is necessary to examine future prospects.

British War Organization Fund, H.K.

A statement of account of the British War Organization Fund, Hongkong, for the period Sept. 14 (date of the inception of the Fund) to Nov. 30, 1939, has just been issued by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Raymond, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. B. Winter.

TOTAL RECEIPTS

It reveals that total receipts for the period amounted to \$281,428.21. Of this, a sum of \$180,386.23 despatched by a draft on London for £10,000 to the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John War Organisation.

OTHER EXPENSES

Purchases of knitting wool, calico, gauze dressings, etc., and sewing materials cost the fund \$11,381.23. Packing, furniture and office equipment claimed \$187.75 and rates \$425.

A sum of \$897.51 was expended on office expenses, bringing the total disbursements up to Nov. 30 to \$173,237.82.

Monies in hand on Nov. 30 were \$108,132.80 in current account at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and \$57.59 in petty cash.

THE GERMAN COAL INDUSTRY is now working at its maximum capacity, and a further expansion of production in the near future is not expected either inside or outside Germany. The probability is rather that the initial stages of the war will see a further reduction in output per man-shift similar to that which took place in 1938 the root cause being a decline in the quality and efficiency of the available labour. Technical advances—in particular the placing of the Upper Silesian mines on a better working basis and the completion of the reorganisation which has already begun in the Ruhr—may help to recover this lost ground. But the results of these changes will not be obtained for at least two years. The most favourable assumption is that, after an initial set-back, Germany's coal production can be maintained at its present level. The assumption may be upset by any further deterioration in the quality of labour. It is certain that German coal production will not be increased.

The position of the Allies is on the whole more favourable. The British coal industry, which supplies about two-thirds of the 360 million metric tons mentioned above, has been suffering for some years from the effects of working below capacity. There has been little activity in numerous areas, and pits which are still capable of producing steadily have been idle for months. The coalfields have been carrying a large body of unemployed and the industry is clearly capable of an enormous expansion of output. The difficulty has been absence of demand. The stimulus provided by the war will undoubtedly be met by a renewal of activity and an absorption of the present surplus of trained man-power. It should be easily possible by these means to meet any increased demands from British industry. But at the same time it is necessary for Great Britain to maintain her export trade if she is to obtain necessary supplies of raw materials from overseas. It is thus possible that the legislative machinery provided in the 1938 Coal Act for a combination of producing units and an improvement of mining methods may be called into action. It is in any case clear that Great Britain is unlikely to encounter any difficulty in getting all the coal she wants.

THE POSITION with regard to coal therefore appears to be that Germany enters the war with her productive effort at a maximum, while Great Britain, the chief producer on the Allied side, should be able easily to meet all home and export demands.

Hongkong Chock - Full Of Potential Movie Stars: Billy Carroll

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

"You people out here have more than we of the West. Yet you do nothing about it. What do I mean? Just this. Boys and girls of this country have good looks, they have fine expressive eyes, attractive expression and engaging manners. They have just what film producers want, but they stay at home and do nothing about it."

CORRESPONDENCE

WAR ORPHANS

[To the Editor, "Hongkong Daily Press"]

Dear Sir—As the report which appeared in your issue of Dec. 21 may give a false impression to the public of the position in this Association, I shall be glad if you will give the same publicity to this letter.

The Association started work in Hongkong on May 14, 1938, as a branch of the National Association under Madame Chiang Kai-shek. The local branch has, from the commencement, functioned under an Executive Committee of the Chinese ladies resident in the Colony, and with well known residents as advisers, the first Director of the Orphanage being Dr. Irene Ho.

About June this year, owing to ill health, Dr. Ho tendered her resignation to the Orphanage, which has not been accepted, as the Orphanage is anxious to have Dr. Ho's services after she has had the necessary period of rest and her health has been restored. Her resignation, contrary to the suggestion in the article, had nothing whatever to do with any incidents or investigations thereof. In her stead an Acting Director was appointed.

The question of certain incidents of insubordination which had occurred amongst some of the inmates, and the question of management and training of the inmates, have been so fully dealt with in your issue of the 22nd, that the Executive Committee feel it quite unnecessary to deal with these questions further. Mrs. Ho is of course a well known social worker in the Colony, who does her work thoroughly and unostentatiously and her statements, based on actual personal contact and personal experience will, the Executive Committee is convinced, carry due weight with the public.

Directly the Executive Committee heard of the complaint of the American lady referred to in your article a full investigation was undertaken. In addition to this investigation the Chief Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs herself paid several surprise visits to the Orphanage, and personally examined each and every one of the inmates. The result of both investigations were entirely satisfactory.

The Executive Committee had been unaware of any prior complaints.

The suggestion that Mr. Aw Boon Haw's withholding the permission to use the new premises in Fanling pending the outcome of the meeting on Dec. 22 is also inaccurate. According to Mr. Aw's personal statement released to the Chinese papers on his arrival on the 21st the object of Mr. Aw's visit to the Colony is firstly for the purpose of personal supervision of the building of the New Orphanage in Fanling to be finished in time for the use of our orphans as promised. We understand that Mr. Aw will issue a statement in this respect.

On the 26th of last month, Miss Chen Ke-yee, official representative and member of the Executive Committee of the parent Association in Chungking arrived in H.K. on her annual inspection tour around all branches of the Association. Among the forty eight orphanages in China, 28 had been inspected, our H.K. branch being the 26th on her inspecting list. On her arrival in the Colony the Executive Committee met her and gave her every facility for investigation and inspection. This lady has returned to Chungking to report.

Pending publication of Miss Chen's report, or pending its being communicated to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee naturally desired to refrain from making any comments in anticipation of its findings. But this much can properly be said. The Executive Committee are satisfied

This startling statement was made to a Daily Press reporter yesterday by Bill Carroll, brother of the film star Nancy Carroll, who is now appearing with Mlle. Conchita, at the Gloucester Hotel cabaret. Carroll and Conchita will be here until the middle of January.

"Well, Mr. Carroll," the pressman remarked, "Hasn't Hollywood got all these types?" "Don't you believe it," he answered, shaking his head. "You want to see some of the people that come out to Hollywood—people without claim to beauty or talent, and some of them can't even speak decent English."

"Producers don't want any miniature editions of the stars," he went on. "They want something new, something original, just what is obtainable in Hongkong. Hollywood wants to send a few talent scouts out here and American films will soon be starring another Anna May Wong."

CHINESE GIRLS

Asked about the Chinese girls in America, Carroll said: "There are many beautiful Chinese girls in America, but they are so much like our own women, including dress and accent, that their quaint Oriental beauty and charm are lost. Here, in China, the girls radiate that native charm and beauty for which Chinese womanhood is famous."

Carroll was then pressed for some account of his own life and career in Hollywood. He said he

felt that so far as they are aware there are not, and have never been, any legitimate grounds for complaint of lack of care or mismanagement of the orphans concerned. The Committee assume full responsibility for the care and management of the orphans. Without in any way seeking to shift this responsibility I may mention that, in point of fact, the diet for the inmates had received the approval of the health officers of Hongkong, and further, that the inmates are under the paternal eye of such officers and the Chief Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, to whom the Executive Committee are gratefully indebted for their ready co-operation and assistance.

Some points were made by your article as to Mrs. Archbold and Miss Chen having been refused admittance until their identity was discovered. Surely it must be obvious to every one that the Orphanage does not admit all and sundry on days which are not visiting days until their identity, and the object of their visits, are known. Rules in the Orphanage state clearly and definitely that Sunday is to be reserved as a cleansing day and therefore not a visiting day. Mrs. Archbold visited the B. Block of our Orphanage during lunch hour (12-1 p.m.) on Sunday, the November 19, and Miss Chen visited the same Orphanage at 8 p.m. on the following Sunday. The Executive Committee feel that it is necessary to keep clear in mind, which appear to have been confused in your article, the two separate questions of alleged mismanagement and of the organization of the Orphanage.

As regards the former I have, I hope, made it abundantly clear that, pending the publication of the Miss Chen's report, the Executive Committee is not aware of any facts on which such complaint can be properly based.

As regards the latter, Miss Chen did point out that according to the official rule, which we have not been informed before, of the parent Association, a Director of an Orphanage should be appointed as member of the staff on salary basis, and that such Director should not be a member of the Executive Committee, who is an unpaid and a voluntary worker. For this reason the office of a Director is temporarily vacant pending an official appointment. For the rest the local branch is functioning under a constitution under which the

Intimidation Charge

Cheung Kam-chiu, 18, and Wong Kam, 28, lorry driver, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Court yesterday, on a charge of intimidation.

They were alleged to have used threats towards a girl, named Cheung Kwai-ying, aged 18, on Dec. 11, inducing her to join a society for protection from assaults. Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty. Following evidence, the hearing was adjourned to Dec. 28 at 2.30 p.m.

An enjoyable Christmas dance was held at the Cheero Club last night. There was a large gathering of Servicemen and their friends.

was born of a theatrical family and, at a very early age, did an act with his father and mother. He showed the pressman some clippings from "which" it was evident that he had come into prominence at the early age of 16, when he partnered Vivienne Duncan, of the famous Duncan Sisters, who was on a tour with her band the "Vivienne Duncan International Scroviders."

ELEVEN PICTURES

Since then he has taken prominent parts in no less than eleven Warner Bros. pictures. Billy hops that with the experience gained in his tour round the world he should be well equipped to do production work when he gets back to Hollywood.

With his talented partner, Conchita, he will continue to entertain Hongkong cabaret-goers at the Gloucester Hotel where, beginning from tomorrow night, the floor-show will be augmented for the festive season by another talented and well-known troupe, the Plaza Boys and a Brunette, who have come here after a series of successful seasons in Calcutta, Colombo, Rangoon and Singapore. The Plaza Boys take their name from the Plaza Theatre, London, where they first featured.

Executive Committee exercises a direct control over the management of the orphans, and of the funds collected by the local branch. Under such a constitution the Executive Committee feel that they can discharge their duties, not only as patriotic Chinese towards Chinese orphans, but also as trustees of the funds subscribed by the generous Hongkong public and friends abroad.

If and when circumstances should arise which would, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, render it impossible for them to discharge their duties as indicated above, they will naturally relinquish their charge. In this connection I wish to point out that it is quite untrue to say that the special representative from Chungking came to examine the situation with a view to take over control and administration of the local home, and further that "this move is opposed by the Executive of 22 Hongkong Chinese women."

The Executive Committee is thus entirely at a loss to understand the tact on which you base the sensational heading of your article "Serious Disorganization in the Affairs of Hongkong Branch of National Association for the Care of War Orphans."

Yours, etc.

KATHARINE KAN

Joint Hon. Secretary

[In order to dispel any misunderstanding that may have arisen on this point, the Hongkong Daily Press wishes to point out that the statement in our yesterday's editorial note to the effect that the persons consulted by our reporter in his investigation included members of the Committee of the orphanage should not be taken to mean that these members were the source of any or all of the statements in the original article.—Ed.]

SUIYUAN LEADERS KILLED

YULIN, SHENSI, Dec. 22 (Central)—Na Tai-lin, who led a peasant army fighting against the Japanese, in Suyuan was recently killed in an engagement at Sarai on the Peiping-Suyuan Railway, 27 miles east of Paochow.

Na, who was himself a peasant, formed the army upon the outbreak of the war in 1937. Lu Mu-tow, a well-known guerrilla leader in the district of Tokoku, was also killed by Japanese artillery fire recently.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

The British liner which arrived from Europe during the past forty-eight hours brought many residents and visitors to this city. The pier in Kowloon was teeming with people waiting to welcome friends and relatives late in the afternoon.

Over the week-end holidays Italian, Dutch and Australian steamers will call.

Pan American Airways' China Clipper has been delayed and is due this afternoon, the return flight to San Francisco leaving Kai Tak on Sunday morning.

Imperial Airways' service is late twenty-four hours and company officials will be working on Christmas Day as the Sunday inward service from Bangkok will not be arriving until Monday.

Imperial Airways

Captain N. Brunton piloting the Denebola arrived at Kai Tak, Thursday, 4.50 p.m. Mail load from all Empire ports totalled 243 kilos which was certainly a lot.

Mr. N. Ohnishi, a passenger from Bangkok where he is representative of Itoh & Co. Ltd., visited our city en route to Osaka for a holiday and business call.

Mr. Ew Jeng and Mr. A. U-Har were other visitors from Bangkok.

N.Y.K. Line

Arriving by the N.Y.K. Line's steamers yesterday were several interesting personalities.

First of all there was a very attractive and charming young lady from Sydney, Miss L. Y. Morrison. She was met by a handsome young local resident portraying the essence of nervous excitement. It would not be surprising to find that romance was just around the corner for these two.

Miss F. D. Gomez was gleefully welcomed by her father on arrival home from Australia where she has been spending several months on vacation.

Arriving from Tokyo on the southbound Japanese steamer was Viscount K. Inouye, former Vice-President of the South Manchurian Railroad and a present member of the House of Peers. This well known politician and business executive of Japan is en route to Manila for a business call.

Dutch Line

Another of the large and new motorship, pride of the Dutch Line, paid its usual call in our port on Thursday arriving from southern ports.

Mr. Aw Boon Haw, well known in connexion with the Tiger Balm manufacturing company, arrived to spend Christmas in Hongkong. This gentleman, with headquarters in Singapore, has donated a university for refugee Chinese students here in the Colony. Construction of the buildings is progressing near Fanling and when completed will indeed be magnificent. This call is a usual business and social visit for the philanthropist.

Residents returning home on the luxury Dutch motorship were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White and their daughter. Their journey was most delightful and though they were glad to be back in Hongkong they were sorry the trip was at an end.

Mrs. Beatrice M. Childe, who was welcomed by a very attentive husband, connected with the China Underwriters, Ltd., returned from an Australian vacation. This local resident joined the Dutch steamer in Singapore, where she paid a short visit en route.

Mr. M. R. Swain was certainly given a "glad-hand" by many friends when he arrived from Singapore. Mrs. Swain, who arrived in the Colony several days ago, was on hand to greet her husband manager of John Marey & Co. The family will enjoy the Christmas holidays here and then return to their home in the south.

North-bound to Shanghai on the Dutch motorship, departing in the early morning, was Dr. F. W. Bliffinger, a visitor in our city from Chungking, en route to the North for the holiday season.

Mrs. C. S. Sheppard hastened to Shanghai and her hearth. This lady arriving earlier in the week from America by Clipper.

Rev. L. Merlet, connected with Zikawei Church in Shanghai, was returning home after a short visit here and in the interior of China.

Another Dutch steamer left for Shanghai during the week. Mr. W. Goldenberg, official of British-American Tobacco Co., was en route home for Santa Claus holidays. This gentleman has been busy in Indo-China during the past six months.

Vacation-bound in Shanghai was Mr. A. J. Edgar, partner of Ellis & Edgar. The other local residents journeying to the cold North and having snow for his months' hard labour.

Christmas was Mr. E. L. Elias, executive of Lambert Dunbar & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. B. Waite and Mr. and Mrs. Van Der Star were popular passengers bound for Shanghai. Many people were on hand in the early morning, almost before breakfast, to bid these nice people adios.

American President Line

When the American round-the-world steamer called in our port on Friday morning there were few passengers for Hongkong, though her passenger list for southern ports was fairly lengthy.

Mrs. E. M. Milam, accompanied by her three sons, disembarked here. The three young members of the family were quite agog on their arrival and were anxious to see their father, a United States Naval officer in the Asiatic Fleet. The U.S. Trade Commissioner, Mr. H. D. Robison, continued to his desk in Singapore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Bash will pay their respects to our city with a short visit before continuing south on business and pleasure.

Very early this morning the President steamer was bound for southern and European ports. From reports a few of our residents were aboard. Mr. F. L. Thomas, official of Asiatic Petroleum Co. was en route to Manila and Mr. H. F. Morford, official of the Chartered Bank, was travelling south.

P. & O. Line

Almost everyone misses the frequent calls of the P. & O. steamers consequently when the monthly call does roll around all hands, it seems, adjourn to the berthing piers to have a look-see and chat. It was dusk Thursday when the liner put into port.

Captain Fantham, of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. was doing a "jig" almost waiting to greet Mrs. Fantham and their two children returning from eight months' holiday in England.

Mr. D. Hynes of the local Post Office was smiling from ear to ear, and he has lost some weight too. This young resident is returning from eight long months of holiday in England.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Braga, and their two young children, were greeted by friends with much glee. This official of the China Light & Power Co. was almost swamped with hellos and good wishes.

It appeared that all the members of the Royal Observatory were down at the pier with big smiles to welcome the Director, Mr. C. Jeffries and Mrs. Jeffries. This well known resident of the Colony and his wife have been on holiday.

In the "milling mob" of arrivals and greeters and with the aid of our sleuths there were many other residents noted arriving from England and way points. Two large groups of missionaries, fifty and twenty-five members, respectively, also disembarked en route to North China and Amoy.

Mr. C. J. Tscheli, of the Public Works Department, came down the gangway into an "armful" of friends. Mr. J. Revie, of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is back. Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Porttallion connected with the Hongkong Police Department, and Mr. J. F. McGowan, a member of the Government service, were hailed and welcomed. All are returning from vacations in England.

More "who's who"—Mr. and Mrs. F. Hamblin, with their young son, returned from England and holidays. This local resident is the well known engineer connected with the China Light & Power Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillard, official of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., disembarked to resume residence and duties after months in Europe.

Mr. B. Bickford, from the Colonial Secretary's Office, was back and many friends were certainly anxious and happy to shake his hand.

SOLD DOG MEAT FOR FOOD

A surprise visit by a Chinese Inspector to two eating houses, resulted in the arrest of two men, Pun Chun, 36, and Chan Kam, 30, keepers of the premises, who were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday with selling dog meat for food. Pun Chun was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour. Chan Kam's sentence was suspended. Chan Kam's journeying to the cold North and having snow for his months' hard labour.

INTENSIVE AIR RAIDS OVER FINLAND: CAPITAL AND ITS SUBURBS BOMBED

HELSINKI, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—Soviet planes yesterday raided Helsinki.

The cold weather is being maintained and the Finns, who are better equipped to meet it, hope that the temperature will drop even lower, especially as it is reported that most of the Soviet troops come from Central and Southern Russia.

In the far north it is not so cold as on the previous day, when 54 degrees of frost was experienced and it has stopped snowing.

Chang Tak Chang Tak
In this area the Finns claim to have made a valuable bombing raid using seven Soviet planes, whose pilots had surrendered, rather than fight the Finns.

They bombed the Murmansk - Leningrad railway line, the main route of supply to the Russians on the Polar front.

CENTRAL FRONT

On the Central Front, where the Soviets are trying to cut through the Gulf of Bothnia, neutral correspondents have been able to verify reports of a big Finnish victory after several days of fighting.

At one place they saw the remains of a Russian camp that was wiped out on Tuesday night, when Finns came through the forests and down the slopes on their skis and picked off the Soviets as they stood.

It was so cold that none of the wounded survived and the frozen bodies of Soviet troops are too numerous to count, neutral observers report.

ADVANCED TOO FAST

TROMSOE, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—The Red Army in the Petsamo

region is retreating in disorder before a vigorous Finnish counter-attack, according to reports from the Norwegian border.

The opinion of competent military observers is that the Russians advanced too far and too fast from their base to be able to establish adequate communications in Arctic weather conditions.

The indications are that they abandoned large quantities of war materials in their retreat, which has been observed from the Norwegian side of the frontier.

BADLY CRIPPLED

A message from Copenhagen states that the Soviet battleship October Revolution has been observed, badly crippled, being towed by two Soviet destroyers.

A Generalissimo Provisional Headquarters will be inaugurated in Kunming. By a National Government mandate issued on Thursday, Gen. Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, was appointed concurrently Director of the new Provisional Headquarters.

Mr. Chen En-yuan has been nominated Mayor of Kweilin, which will be elevated to the status of a municipality on Jan. 1.

D.S.O. FOR FORMER H.K. COMMANDER

BRILLIANT FEAT IN SUBMARINE

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter)

H.M. the King decorated the Commander and other members of the crew of the submarine Salmon, which last week carried out one of the most brilliant submarine exploits in this war and the last.

D.S.O. AND PROMOTION

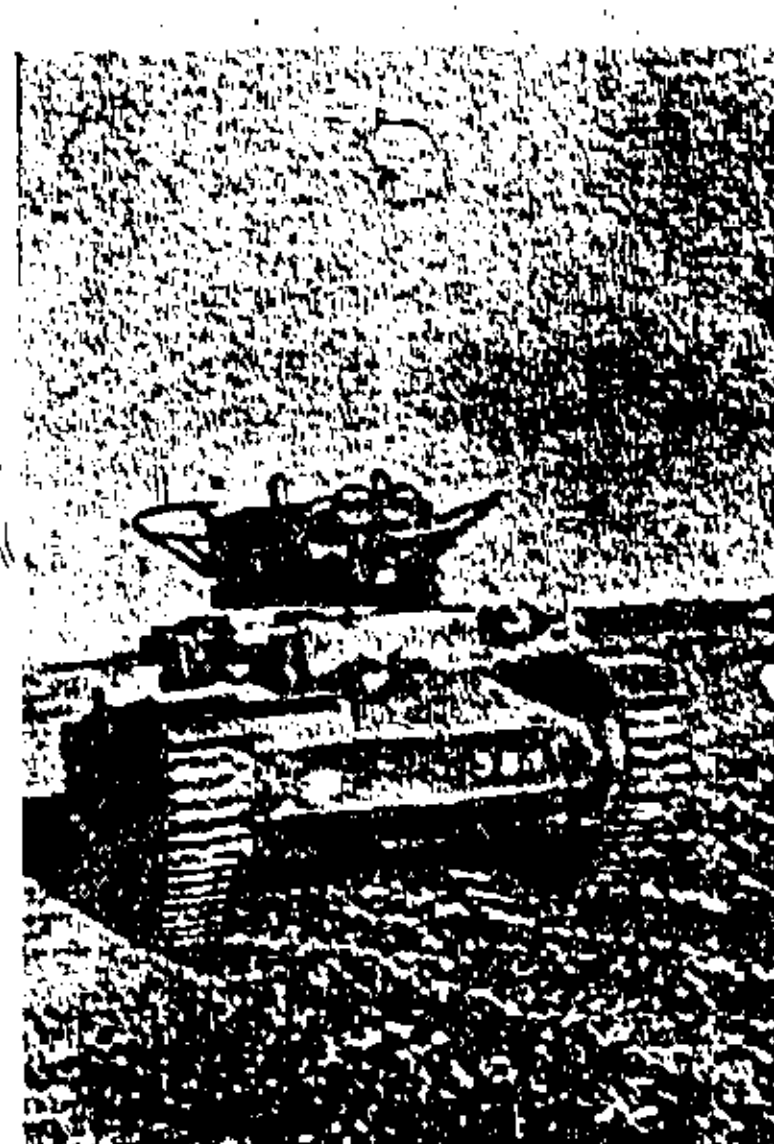
Lieut.-Commander E. O. B. Eickford, the Commanding Officer who at one time of his naval career served in H.M.S. Odin on the China Station, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and promoted to the rank of Commander.

It will be recalled that the Salmon first sunk a U-boat and then torpedoed two German cruisers, the Leipzig and the Bluecher.

FURTHER AWARDS

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—The Distinguished Service Cross was awarded Lieutenant Maurice Fairfax Wykeham Martin, First Lieutenant and Torpedo Officer of the submarine Salmon, and to Lieutenant Robin Hugh Mayless Hancock and Owen Felton Lancaster, Warrant Engineer.

Eight members of the crew received the Distinguished Service Medal and others got promotions and advancements.



Light tank in one of China's new mechanized divisions.—(S.H. Hsia).

H.K. RESIDENTS RETURN FROM HOME

The following local residents arrived on Thursday from England:

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Byrne, of the Hongkong University; Mrs. P. Cassidy, wife of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, of Messrs. J. D. Hutchinson and Co.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Fairbairn, of the Official Treasurer's Office; Dr. G. Griffith, of the Medical Department; Mr. and Mrs. W. Mackinlay, of Messrs. Deacon and Co.; Mr. D. Munton, Manager of China Light and Power, Co., Ltd.; Mr. J. Morrison, of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Mr. H. Mills, Chief Accountant, General Post Office; Mr. J. McDonald, of the S.C.A.; Mrs. A. Valentine, wife of Mr. Valentine, Manager of Dodwell and Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hamblin, of China Light and Co., Ltd.; Mr. T. G. S. Alexander, of MacKinnon McKenzie; Mr. A. Major, of the Hongkong Police Force; Dr. A. McLeod, who is joining the Hongkong Medical Department; Dr. L. Newton, of the Hongkong Medical Department; Mrs. S. Steele, whose daughter married Commander Willie Banks, R.N., recently; Mr. G. Carruthers, Mr. D. Cairns, of Harbour Office; Mr. J. Gellatly, of Sanitary Dept.; Mr. Dick Hancock, of Stewart Brothers, who left London in September. His ship broke down and was held up five weeks in Colombo; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McGregor, of Messrs. MacKinnon MacKenzie and Co., Shanghai;

Mr. L. T. Davies, of Messrs. MacKinnon MacKenzie and Co., Shanghai; Mr. M. Barton, of Messrs. Dodwell and Co.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunbar, of Messrs. MacKinnon MacKenzie and Co., Yokohama; Mrs. M. Hutchinson, wife of the British Trade Commissioner, Hongkong; Miss M. Knapman, who is marrying Mr. E. A. Matthews, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; the Rev. and Mrs. W. Bell, and child, of the Baptist Mission; the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Suter, of the British Missionary Society, Chang-shai; Mr. and Mrs. B. Mansell, of the Public Works Department; Mr. F. C. Manning, Overseer of the P.W.D.; Dr. C. H. Pearson, of the Methodist Missionary Society, Peking, Hunan; Mr. E. L. Powell, of the Sanitary Department; the Rev. W. Short, of the English Presbyterian Mission, Changchow, Fukien; Mr. G. H. Sherriff, of the Sanitary Department; Mr. A. M. Thomson, of the P.W.D.; the Rev. J. Waddell, of the English Presbyterian Mission, Swatow; Mr. M. D. Watson, of the Sanitary Department; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Suter, of the British Missionary Society, Chang-shai; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sandford, of the P. and O. Co., Hongkong.



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NEUTRAL SHIPS STRIKE MINES

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—Two more vessels were mined and sunk off the Dutch coast, namely, the 3,685-ton Italian steamer, Comitas, bound for Antwerp, whose crew, in boats, are making for the Dutch coast, and the Swedish ship Vega, 1,700 tons, whose crew arrived at Imboden, several being wounded.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—The Treasury will take up the 140,000,000 florins left unsubscribed in the 300,000,000 florin State Loan.

The Ministry of Finance hinted that a forced or semi-forced loan is likely to be issued the next time.

G. H. Pearson, of the Methodist Missionary Society, Peking, Hunan; Mr. E. L. Powell, of the Sanitary Department; the Rev. W. Short, of the English Presbyterian Mission, Changchow, Fukien; Mr. G. H. Sherriff, of the Sanitary Department; Mr. A. M. Thomson, of the P.W.D.; the Rev. J. Waddell, of the English Presbyterian Mission, Swatow; Mr. M. D. Watson, of the Sanitary Department; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Suter, of the British Missionary Society, Chang-shai; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sandford, of the P. and O. Co., Hongkong.

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DAMAGES CLAIMED FROM LANDLORD: JUDGMENT GIVEN FOR THE TENANTS

After a protracted hearing in the Summary Court, Judgment was delivered yesterday by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the case in which Shum Yin-tong, alias Sin Tsang-shi, and Yun Kwong-chuen, tenants of the ground floors of Nos. 328 and 328A Leichikok Road, claimed damages from the landlord, Lee Cho-chuen, of No. 163 Des Voeux Road Central, and Ng Kau, trading as Ng Kau Kee, contractors, as the result of the erection of a scaffolding by the side of the premises with the intention of demolition.

The case was the first one of its kind to be brought under the Prevention of Evictions (Amended) Ordinance. Ng Kau was originally a witness, but leave was granted at a previous hearing to the plaintiffs to make him a defendant in the case.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the plaintiffs, while Mr. D. McCallum represented the first defendant, and Mr. W. M. Brown the second.

Mr. McCallum submitted that the contractor was not an agent of the landlord. The contractor, upon obtaining the necessary permits from the Building Authority, proceeded with the work. Mr. McCallum also submitted that the case did not constitute a trespass, as there was a factory on the premises and there was no reason why the landlord should not be allowed to carry on the alterations.

Mr. Brown said that if it was held that the contractor acted as the agent of the owner, then the new Ordinance would apply, but if it was held that the contractor was an independent party there would be no claim against his client for trespass.

DIRECTLY AUTHORISED
Describing the actions of the defendants as systematic verminous with the sole object of harassing the tenants for purposes of profiteering on the housing situation, Mr. Silva submitted that the owner had directly authorised the contractor to carry on with the work of demolition without any right to do so. Such right was taken away by the provisions of the amended Ordinance.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Lindsell said that neither defendants had obtained the permission of the tenants to proceed with the work. Second defendant was ordered to carry on the work by first plaintiff, and a trespass had been committed of which the first

CHINA WAR NEWS

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PRECARIOUS POSITION

PANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 21 (Central)—The Japanese in Central Hupeh and South Honan are now in a precarious position declared a Chinese general directing operations in the two provinces in an interview today.

The Chinese offensive, he said, has been launched to prevent the Japanese from consolidating their line or concentrating a large force at any point.

The Chinese, he revealed, are adopting the tactics of surrounding the Japanese vantage points and attacking the Japanese rear. The Japanese are forced to abandon their outer defences and rally at certain points where they are subjected to annihilation attacks.

SUCCESSFUL TACTICS

By these tactics, the Chinese, he claimed, slew over 500 Japanese and captured some 10 artillery pieces and a quantity of ammunition on the east bank of the Siang River at the initial stage of the offensive on Dec. 12 and 13. Yunglung, on the Hankow-Ichang highway and Huangchiang, and Kungyichang on the Kiangsi-Chungking highway are now surrounded by the Chinese.

defendant had full knowledge.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs, awarding each damages to the extent of \$200, and costs the total damages, \$50, and half costs from the addition of his name as a defendant.

His Lordship also ordered a new tenancy at \$20 per month as from May 30.

WAS SUICIDE OF GRAF SPEE'S COMMANDER A PROTEST AGAINST HERR HITLER'S ORDER?

British Press Tributes To Capt. Langsdorf

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—Among those attending the funeral of the Graf Spee's Commander, Captain Langsdorf yesterday afternoon, was Captain Pottinger, of the British steamer Ashlea, who was one of the Graf Spee's prisoners. The British Mission to Seamen sent a wreath.

It is now learned that on Tuesday Capt. Langsdorf had a long talk with his officers. Certain remarks he then made, together with the fact that he had distributed his personal effects as keepsakes, suggest that he had suicide in his mind.

Many Argentine newspapers take the view that Captain Langsdorf's suicide was a protest against Herr Hitler's order to scuttle his ship while she still capable of doing some damage.

A TRAGEDY
LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—The British press yesterday devoted the bulk of its comments to the suicide of Captain Langsdorf, drawing conclusions from it as to Herr Hitler's notion of sea warfare.

The Times pay a tribute to Captain Langsdorf as a seaman and says it is a tragedy that such men today cannot serve their country save in the livery of a master whom, in their hearts, they must despise.

The Daily Telegraph says that Captain Langsdorf has proved that he feared nothing, but dishonour. He could not endure the ignominy Herr Hitler imposed on him and he redeemed himself.

HITLER'S METHODS
Discussing the attacks on defenceless fishing craft by Nazi planes, the paper says that this is an equal tribute to Herr Hitler's methods.

Slaughter of this kind is not an operation of war, but ruthless terrorism. All the worst tactics of the old German Reich have been taken over by Herr Hitler as a going concern.

The News Chronicle says that Captain Langsdorf's suicide must be read not only as a protest by the Graf Spee's commander himself, but from the whole German Navy against a decision which has once again brought the name of Germany into contempt before the world.

MORE DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—Before committing suicide, Captain Langsdorf, the unhappy Commander, who scuttled the Graf Spee, wrapped the old German Imperial Navy flag of the Kaiser (the pre-Hitler flag) around himself as a shroud, lay on the floor and shot himself, according to the Argentine newspaper Critica.

The body lay in state at the Naval Arsenal and was buried late yesterday. Only the Argentine Staff Officers, members of the Nazi Embassy and a few prominent German residents were permitted to view the body.

Lying on it was a beautiful wreath "From Adolf Hitler."

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

Meanwhile, secrecy surrounds the exact circumstances of the Captain's death.

The fact that he had committed suicide was only revealed by the German Embassy some hours after it occurred. Rumours that he had a long argument with Herr Hitler prior to the scuttling of his ship are gaining ground.

According to an Argentine naval officer, Captain Langsdorf argued strongly with Herr Hitler and hoped to the very end that the Fuehrer would change his mind.

TWO LETTERS

The Captain left two letters behind, it is learned. One was to the German Embassy, which has not made its contents public, because the "contents are impossible to reveal to the public," and the other was handed to a member of the Graf Spee's crew to post.



Mr. and Mrs. Kong Shou-shek, after their marriage at the Registry on Thursday. Mrs. Kong was formerly Miss Chan Han-Isang.

FULL HONOURS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—Three-hundred officers and men of the Graf Spee, together with Argentine naval officers, were present at the burial of Captain Langsdorf, with full naval honours in the local German cemetery.

Comment From Nazi Naval Sources

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Reuter)—German newspapers give only a few lines to the death of Captain Langsdorf, although less than two weeks ago he was being hailed as a great naval victor.

The main reference to his suicide was, not from the usual official Nazi sources, but from the High Command of the German Navy.

In a statement, the High Command said that Captain Langsdorf did not wish to survive the sinking of his ship and took his decision in accordance with the traditions of the Office Corps to which he belonged for almost three decades.

"The Navy understands and esteems his action," the statement concluded.

The Nazi press also shows great reserve in reporting the scuttling of the Columbus.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

PARADES

1st Battery

Wed. Dec. 27 Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Those detailed D.R.F. Dress—Overalls and caps. Fri. Dec. 29 Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Gun drill for recruits and D.R.F. for those detailed. Dress—Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes.

3rd Battery

Wed. Dec. 27 Queen's Pier, 5.00 p.m. No. 1 Section. Thurs. Dec. 28 Queen's Pier, 5.00 p.m. No. 2 Section.

No. 2 Company

Sun. Dec. 31 Musketry at Peak Range is cancelled. The next parade will be on Thurs. Jan. 4. See Company circular for details.

No. 4 Company

Fri. Dec. 29 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company lecture—Anti-gas measures.

Field Ambulance

Wed. Dec. 27 Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m. Uniform as per last Wednesday. Fri. Dec. 29 5.30 p.m. Company parade separately at St. Paul's College for lecture.

Remaining Units

There will be no parades until 1940.

E. N. Thursby, Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

CHRISTMAS GREETING

The Commandant takes great pleasure in publishing the following message received from H.E. the G.O.C.—"Will you please convey to

all ranks of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps my best wishes for Christmas and all good luck in 1940. At no time in its history has the Corps been so strong and so efficient, and I am very pleased with the result of the keenness displayed and the hard work done by all ranks during the last year."

LOST

One blue double-breasted overcoat, at the entrance to the Canton, Headquarters, H.K.V.D.C. Finder please return to Adjutant.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. Lecture: The next lecture in First Aid will be held on Friday, December 29 in the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Practical Bandaging Classes: There will be no Bandaging Classes on Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1, 1940.

Attachment: The following members were attached to the Military Hospital, Hongkong for training during the periods shown:—Miss A. Fisher—4/12/39—9/12/39; Miss I. Buchanan—4/12/39—9/12/39; Mrs. V. Simon White—11/12/39—18/12/39.

Christmas Greetings: The Commandant and Assistant Commandant wish the members of the Nursing Detachment a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

(Sgd.) MRS. L. M. S. BRAUDE, Assistant Comdt., Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

CHRISTMAS DAY AND CUSTOMS: HISTORICAL ORIGIN OF MASSES

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS begin in Catholic churches on the first moment of Christmas Day, with Midnight Mass. All over the world Midnight Mass is one of the church functions of the year that attracts the largest number of worshippers, and it seems to make no difference whether the weather is cold, as in northern lands, or midsummer as in the antipodes.

Every priest can say Mass three times on Christmas Day. From the prayers which are said in these Masses it is evident that they are intended to commemorate a threefold birth of Christ: the temporal birth, at Bethlehem; the spiritual birth, in the hearts of the faithful; and the eternal birth of the Son of God in the Blessed Trinity.

The symbolism of each of these long time among the early Christians is interwoven with the others throughout all the Masses. The historical origin of the three Masses can be traced to the ceremonies in the Roman churches.

As was formerly the custom, the vigil of any great feast was kept by a night of prayer, and in the case of the Nativity the ceremonies of the vigil took place in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where a relic of the manger of Bethlehem is preserved.

END OF VIGIL

The vigil ended as usual with Mass. There was also on Christmas Day a public celebration at St. Peter's, where Mass was sung by the Pope with great solemnity. This was the second important Mass of the day. The third Mass was one not at first directly connected with the feast, but with St. Anastasia, an Eastern saint whose feast was kept on Christmas Day.

The chapel of the Byzantine court in Rome was dedicated to St. Anastasia, and thus this day was the chief feast in the chapel of the Imperial family. After some time this last Mass became one of the Nativity, with a prayer to St. Anastasia said during it. Later on the three Masses were connected and were eventually celebrated by all priests.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The celebration of Christmas came later than that of many of the other big feasts of the year. It was not until the fourth century that it was regularly celebrated. The time of it was not definitely fixed for a long time, but at last it was fixed for the end of December, in order to replace a pagan festival which occurred about that time.

Its popularity soon grew, became the subject of it naturally appealed to family devotion, and in time it came to be recognised as the great family feast.

A tradition that trees and flowers blossomed on Christmas night was the origin of the decoration with greenery, which can be traced to the tenth century. It was not until the 17th century, however, that the Christmas tree seems to have made its first appearance.

GERMAN CUSTOM

The first mention of it was in connection with Christmas celebrations at Strasburg in the 17th century. It was for a long time a definitely German custom, and it was only in the time of Queen Victoria that it was adopted in England, largely through the influence of the Prince Consort.

In the days of Cromwell there was considerable hostility to the celebration of Christmas on the part of the Puritans, and at one time the keeping of the festival was forbidden by Act of Parliament. It was decreed that the day should be one of fast and a market day.

The shops were to be kept open and plum puddings and mince pies—which existed even then—were condemned as heathen. The people resisted the law very angrily and serious clashes took place, especially at Canterbury. The increased celebration when the feast was finally restored gave it new popularity to Christmas, which has never since waned.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

The day after Christmas, St. Stephen's day, is now an English bank holiday, but it was not always so. On this day the shops used to open again after Christmas and the shopkeepers gave their employees their Christmas presents—or, in the old term, Christmas "boxes." This is the origin of the term "Boxing Day," which is now commonly applied to the celebration on this day of the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr, dates almost as far back as the feast of Christmas. The feast of St. Stephen is told fully in the Acts of the Apostles, and his memory was kept fresh for a

New Bishop Of London Enthroned

A woman and six boys sat in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral and watched the enthroning of Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher as the new Bishop of London.

They were Dr. Fisher's wife and six sons, whom he has often called his "seven assets."

They saw high officials of the Church walking in an impressive procession from the Chapel of St. Michael and St. George to the Sanctuary, but Dr. Fisher was hidden from them when he took the oath.

THREE KNOCKS

In the large congregation sat Sir Frank Bowater, the Lord Mayor of London, and sheriffs.

As the cathedral bells rang out, Dr. Fisher, following ancient tradition, left the cathedral and knocked three times on the main door with his pastoral staff to be let in again.

He was led to the Episcopal Throne by the Archbishop of Canterbury (the Ven. T. K. Sopwith), and there the enthronement took place.

Raising his hand, the archdeacon said: "The Lord preserve thy going and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore; and mayest thou remain in justice and sanctity and adorn the place to thee delegated by God."

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

December 24, 1939, 4th Sunday in Advent

Christmas Eve

8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Matins, Preacher: The Dean, 6.30 p.m. Evensong with Carols, 11.30 p.m. Choral Communion.

Children's Service: Cathedral, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service, Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School, Stanley Sunday School Room, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Christmas Day: 6.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns, 10 a.m. Children's Service and Kindergarten, 11 a.m. Festival Matins, Preacher: The Bishop, 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

Tuesday 26—Holy Communion, St. Stephen's Day, 10.15 a.m. Wednesday 27—Holy Communion, St. John Evangelist's Day, 7.30 a.m. Prayer for the sick, 10.15 a.m. Thursday 28—Holy Communion, Holy Innocents' Day, 7.30 a.m. Friday 29—Holy Communion, (in Cantonese), 7.45 a.m.

Other Notices: Dec. 27—8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall, Dec. 29—5.30 p.m. Choir Practice, Cathedral, Dec. 30—4 p.m. Happy Valley Sunday School Tea Party, Cathedral Hall.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Tree will stand again in the north transept from Saturday, December 16. As in previous years, we shall devote all gifts that are placed on or under the tree to needy families nominated by the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Society for the Protection of Children, and to homes and needy people who are being helped by the Social Service Centre of the Churches (Secretary, Miss Elliott). This winter, as every one knows, will be a very hard one and so we are hoping to receive even more gifts than in previous years.

A member of the Women's Fellowship will be in the Cathedral each day to receive the presents, which will be welcomed any time before Christmas Day itself.

PARADE SERVICE

Dec. 25, Xmas Day, Voluntary Meditation in C. Squires, Hymn No. 59, Lesson, St. Luke Chap. 2v. 1-20, Benedictus Jubilate, Hymn No. 62, Preacher, Rev. S. Hinchliffe, S.C.F. Hymn No. 60, National Anthem, Voluntary Last Verse Hymn 370, Prodan, Nevesta Smetana.

PEAK CHURCH

4th Sunday in Advent
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
Christmas Day: 6.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Causeway Road:

4th Sunday in Advent (Vigil of Christmas)—Morning services: 1st Mass at 6 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 3.30 Catechetical instruction, at 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena in preparation of the Nativity of Our Lord and Benediction. At midnight Solemn Pontifical Mass, Christmas Day (The Nativity of Our Lord) Morning services: 1st Mass at 6, 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass at 10 Solemn High Mass. Evening services: at 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. December 26—St. Stephen, Protomartyr. A Spiritual Retreat for Chinese women begins today at the Conventual Convent, Causeway Road. December 29—St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. Today and the following two days there will be a special Triduum of Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S

The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute Hongkong

Sunday, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Carol Service. All seafarers are invited to a Social Hour in the Officers' Lounge after the Evening Service.
Christmas Day 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m.—Short Service, Preacher, Rev. Charles Strong (Chaplain), 7 p.m. Christmas Dinner for Sailors in King George's Hall. All seafarers welcome.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SERVICE

Evening Service at Hongkong Union Church tomorrow will take the form of a Christmas musical service of hymns and carols. There will be no address. Soloists who have very kindly agreed to take part include Mrs. Doris Blair, Mrs. Helen Lockhart, Mrs. I. Moran (cello) Mr. Gaston d'Aquin, and Mr. V. Sanders. Mr. Longyear will be at the organ.

Included in the programme are the solos, "O Leave your Sheep," "A Star of the East," "From Heart to Heart," "Cradle Song," "Crown of Roses." Quartettes are, "Sussex Carol," "Holly and the Joy," "Nativity," "Cradle Song," "Our Brother is Born," "How beautiful upon the Mountains," and "Peaceful Night"; on the cello, "Berceuse" and "Caro Mio Ben"; and on the organ, "The Question" and "The Answer."

Union Church offers a very cordial invitation to all who are interested to attend this service, which will take place at the usual hour of worship, 8 p.m.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches tomorrow will be: "Christian Science."

The Golden Text will be: "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem." (Isa. 52:9)

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East, (Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, Bus No. 5 or 5A.)

Sunday, Preachers: Morning—Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening—Rev. W. J. Seddard Smith, Junior Church, 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. (This Service will be broadcast)—Hymn No. 118, Prayer, Hymn No. 122, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 129, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 132, Sermon, Hymn No. 82, Benediction, Evening Service 7 p.m. Hymn No. 133, Prayer, Hymn No. 131, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 859, Sermon, Hymn No. 180 Benediction.

NOTICES

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & S. Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. There will be a Service on Christmas Day at 10.15 a.m. conducted by the Revs. J. E. Sandbach and E. Moreton Hymns Nos. 120, 124, 125, 143 The General Committee is meeting at 8 & S. Home on Wednesday 5.30 p.m.

EMMANUEL MISSION

Saturday, 8 p.m. Carol Service, Sunday, 11 a.m. Morning Service followed by Holy Communion. Preacher, Rev. M.B. Birrell, 3 p.m. Children's Christmas Service open to all friends 8 p.m. Gospel Service preceded by Carol Singing 7.30 to 8 p.m. Preacher, Mr. J. F. Fisher. Subject, "The Lamb in Revelation." Text, "They overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb." Rev. 12:11. Monday, 10.30 a.m. Morning Service, Preacher, Dr. H. Lechmere. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese amahs, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Missionary Prayer Meeting. Speaker, Rev. C.R. Callender from 8 a.m. Thursday, 10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 216 Nathan Road, First floor, 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Friday, 8 p.m. Bible Study Circle at 3 Ho Man Tin Street, top floor. All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(CHURCH OF ENGLAND KOWLOON)

CAROL SERVICE TOMORROW CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

The following are the forthcoming services, etc. at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
Sunday—Dec. 24, Fourth Sunday in Advent; Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and Address at 11 a.m.; Preacher: The Vicar; The Fourth Kowloon (Garrison) Troop of Scouts, will parade at this service; Christmas Carol Service at 6.15 p.m.; The Sunday Evening Club will be held in the Chater Room after this Service and everyone is invited to attend; Young People's Service in the Church at 10 a.m. Leader Mr. R. Balwin; Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m.; Leader, Miss W. Robinson.

WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday—Dec. 25, Christmas Day; Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon Christmas Morning. Festival Service at 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar.
Tuesday—Dec. 26, Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m.; Boy's Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; A. R. P. Lecture in the Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday—Dec. 27, Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; St. Andrew's Wolf Cub, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Rover Scouts (1st Kowloon) at 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, at 8.45 p.m.; St. Andrew's Winter Food Relief Committee meets at the Vicarage at 6 p.m.

Thursday—Dec. 28, Women's Fellowship, at 2.30 p.m.; Working Party for B. W. O. F. at 4.30 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 6 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club "open" night at 8.30 p.m.

Friday—Dec. 29, Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; A. R. P. Lecture, 6 p.m.; Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.; Toc H in the Chater Room, 6.45 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

5 GARDEN ROAD

Dec. 24—4th Sunday in Advent. Vigil of Christmas. (Fast dispensed).

First Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; At Midnight: High Mass and General Communion, followed by a Low Mass.

Dec. 21—Christmas Day; Three Low Masses in succession, starting at 8 a.m.; Holy Communion distributed at all Masses; Last Low Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; On Christmas Eve, Confessions will be heard during the whole afternoon and evening until Midnight; On week days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m.; Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass; On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ROSARY CHURCH

The following are the forthcoming services, etc.:

4th Sunday in Advent, Vigil of Christmas. (Fast is dispensed).

At 8.30 Mass with sermon in Chinese, 7.30 Mass with sermon in English, 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese, 9.30 Mass with sermon in English, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 2.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At midnight Solemn High Mass with General Communion. Christmas Day, (Holiday of Obligation), Low Masses at 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at 9.30 a.m. Tuesday, from today "the Solemnization of Marriages" is permitted. At 2.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Christmas party for poor Chinese children.

Wednesday Meeting of the C.C.Y.M.S. at 6 p.m. On week-days Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.

At the St. Paul's Chapel (185 Portland Street, Mong Kok): On Sunday, Dec. 24—At 8 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese.—At Midnight Mass with sermon in Chinese.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Dec. 24, 4th Sunday of Advent and Vigil of Christmas (no abstinence): 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Holy Mass, Sermon in English, Novena for Christmas, and Benediction; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English; At Midnight: Solemn High Mass.

On Christmas Day there will be a Mass every half-hour from 7.30 to 10 a.m.



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A scene from "The Little Princess" with Shirley Temple in the principal role, which is now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:
SOUTHBOUND
 Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok, Denebola—7 a.m.
NORTHBOUND
 Monday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong—4 p.m.
Air France
NORTHBOUND
 Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.
 Service—4 p.m.
SOUTHBOUND
 Thursday: Hanoi, France.
 Service—6 a.m.
Pan American Airways
EASTBOUND
 Saturday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
 China Clipper—2 p.m.
WESTBOUND
 Saturday: Manila, U.S.A.
 China Clipper—8.30 a.m.
NOTE: Pan American Airways' China Clipper will arrive at Kai Tak this afternoon.
 Imperial Airways' inward service from Bangkok is due on Monday afternoon.

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Mr. Yang Tien-tsen, of the Fu Hua Trading Co., was married yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, to Miss Tan Yee-chung, of the Foo Shing Trading Corp.
 Another Registry marriage yesterday was that between Mr. Tang Min-wah, public vaccinator, residing at No. 194 Sai Yee Street, and Miss Tsol Wal-ngor, of No. 458 Hennessy Road.
 Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, officiated at both ceremonies.

COLONY HEALTH

Twenty-three cases of tuberculosis, seven cases of dysentery, three cases of diphtheria, one case of small-pox and one case of chicken-pox were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 21.

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VARIETY AND DANCE MUSIC REQUEST PROGRAMME

Rugby Relay

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.20 George Scott Wood with His Six Swingers and Betty Driver (Vocal).
 I've Got a Hunch (film 'Let's be Famous')—Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orch. Quickstep—You're An Educated Fool—Swing and Sway—The Six Swingers directed by George Scott-Wood. Time On My Hands (Adamson and Others); Thru' The Courtyard of Love (film 'Voice of Scandal')—Denny Dennis (Vocal) with Orch. I Love To Whistle (film 'Mad About Music')—I'll Take Romance (from the film)—Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orch. Georgianna—The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Billy Mayerl at the Piano. "Helen"—Piano Selection (Offenbach)—Kornegold, Have You Forgotten? (Sussel); Jasmine (A Synco-aped Impression—Mayerl); Sweet Nothings (Bettendorf).

1.15 Vocal Items by The Mills Brothers.

Jungle Fever (from 'Spy 13'); Sleepy Head (from 'Spy 13'). Tiger Rag (La Rocca); Some of These Days (Brooks); Canavan (Ellington).

1.30 Radio and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 A Military Band Concert with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). Mechanized Infantry—Quick March; Fanfare; The Minstrel Boy; The Watch Tower—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

Danny Deever (Kipling-Damrosch)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. Three Dale Dances (Wood)—Callenders, Senior Band. Phil The Fitter's Ball (French); With My Shovel Under My Arm (O'Brien and Wallace)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn); The Changing of the Guard (Flotsum and Jettam)—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Concert by Efram Zimbalist (Violin) and Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

Carmen—Fantasy (Bizet—arr. Sarate)—Efram Zimbalist (Violin) with Piano accompaniment by Saldenberg, arr. tary March in E Flat (Schubert, arr. Backhaus); Trine (Theoria)—Al Backhaus; Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano). The Zephyr (Hubay, Op. 30, No. 5); After Sundown (Scott)—Efram Zimbalist (Violin) with Piano accompaniment by Emanuel Bey. Waltz in D Flat, Op. 64, No. 1 (Chopin); Etude in C Major, Op. 10, No. 7 (Chopin); Walden-rauschen (Liszt)—Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act I. Singers in order of appearance: Piero Pauli (Tenor); Giovanni Bartolotti (Bass); Antonio Celli (Baritone); Carmen (Soprano); Apollo Grandforte (Baritone) and Nello Falai (Tenor), with Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno.

7.15 Orchestral Selection.

Overture "L'italiana In Algeri" (Rossini)—Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 A Request Variety and Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—Don't Let That Moon Get Away (from 'Sing you sinners')—Billy Cotton and His Band. Vocal—Moonlight and Shadows (film 'Jungle Princess'); Thanks for the Memory (film 'Big Broadcast')—Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Waltz—The Umbrella Man (from 'These foolish things')—Billy Cotton and His Band. Vocal—Music, Maestro, Please (from 'These foolish things')—Henry Jacques and His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra. Vocal and Piano—My S.O.S. For You (film 'Soft Lights and Sweet Music'); Dirty Face (Hiller and Others)—Turner Layton. Orch. Watermelon Pete (Thumath). Down South (Myddleton, Tabouash).

Jack Tilton and His Orchestra, with Vocal Refrain by Sam Browne. Vocal Duo—Another One Gots (Beverly Nichols); Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Trent and Bennett)—Norah Blaney and Gwen Farrar. Waltz—A Beautiful Lady In Blue; Fox-Trot—Moon for Sale—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. New Novelty Dance—Boomp-A-Daisy—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

8.45 London Relay—The Time Has Come A Thriller.

8.45 Studio Comments on Recent Events.

8.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.22 Local sport results.

9.27 More Request Variety and Dance Items.

Fox-Trot—Press-Chat—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra. Vocal—Medall Rode (Stone-Tenney)—Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Meanest Thing You Ever Did Was Kiss Me—Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Vocal—Rock and Roll (Clare-Whitling); Don't Let Your Love Go Wrong (Whitling and Others)—The Boswell Sisters. Rumba—When Bomba Plays A Rumba—Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Vocal—Just Let Me Look At You (from 'Joy of Living'); Sing A Song of Harvest (from 'Kenny Moonshine')—Kenny Baker with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Georgia's Gotta Moon; Rhythm In The Alphabet—

The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood. Singers On Parade—Im gonna lock my heart—Sam Sosta; Helen Clare—I'm sorry I said I love you; Paula Green—You couldn't be cuter; George Barclay—The sweetest song in the world; Pat Hyde—A-tisket, A-tasket; Al Bowly—Little lady make believe; Marjorie Siedford—Love walked in; Jack Plant—Time and time again; Dinah Miller—It's d'love-ly; Dan Donovan—The Red Maple leaves; Alice Mann—Says my heart; Jack Cooper—Music maestro please. Fox-Trots—Ten Little Miles from Town; Home at Sundown—The Organ. The Dance Band and Me. Vocal Band—The Winkle (Robertson)—Bert Steven (Soprano) with Piano. Orch.—The Donkey Serenade (from 'Firefly'); The Lambeth Walk (from 'Me and My Girl')—Barnabas Von Geary and His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trots—To Mother With Love; Little Gypsy Of The Seven Seas—The Organ. The Dance Band and Me. Vocal Band and Vocal—An Old Violin (Taylor-Pisher); Looking For You (Taylor-Sanderson)—Albert Sandler (Violin) and Olive Groves (Soprano) with Jean Melville at the Piano. Quicksteps—The Snoop; So You Left Me For The Leader of A Swing Band—The Six Swingers directed by George Scott-Wood. Fox-Trots—Chloe; Jam Session—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Rumba—Antigua—Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in 'Drum-nasticks'. Fox-Trot—Tiger Rag—The Ballbovillians.

11.00 London Relay—"North Ireland Log."

11.15 London Relay—Second Half of International Rugby Match—England v. Wales.

12.00 Midnight. Close down. Continued on Back Page

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Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
 Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Mondays—Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

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 In England Now 11.00 p.m.

Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.
 Wednesdays—In Eng. 6.45 a.m.
 Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.
 Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.

Thursdays—Matters of Moment 6.45 a.m.
 Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Fridays—In England Now 11.00 p.m.

Saturdays—In England Now 6.45 a.m.
 London Log 3.30 p.m.
 London Log 11.15 p.m.
 Sundays—London Log 6.45 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 22.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.23 ins.

Temperature, 65° F.

Humidity, 44 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 72° F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 59° F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 88.70 ins.

Against an average of 84.84 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.44 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6.59 a.m.

4 p.m., December 22.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.10 ins.

Temperature, 59° F.

Humidity, 44 per cent.

Wind Direction NNE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 70° F.

Minimum temperature, 59° F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 23 to 29 Dec. 1939

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER

Div. of Date of Month

Hong Kong Standard Time

Height

Hong Kong Standard Time

Height

Sal. 23 h.m. 7.07 4.4 01.32 2.8

18.44 7.0 12.13 3.4

Sun. 24 08.17 4.4 02.12 2.1

19.22 7.5 13.06 3.4

Mon. 25 09.09 4.5 03.04 1.5

20.03 8.0 12.27 2.4

Tues. 26 09.56 4.5 03.58 0.9

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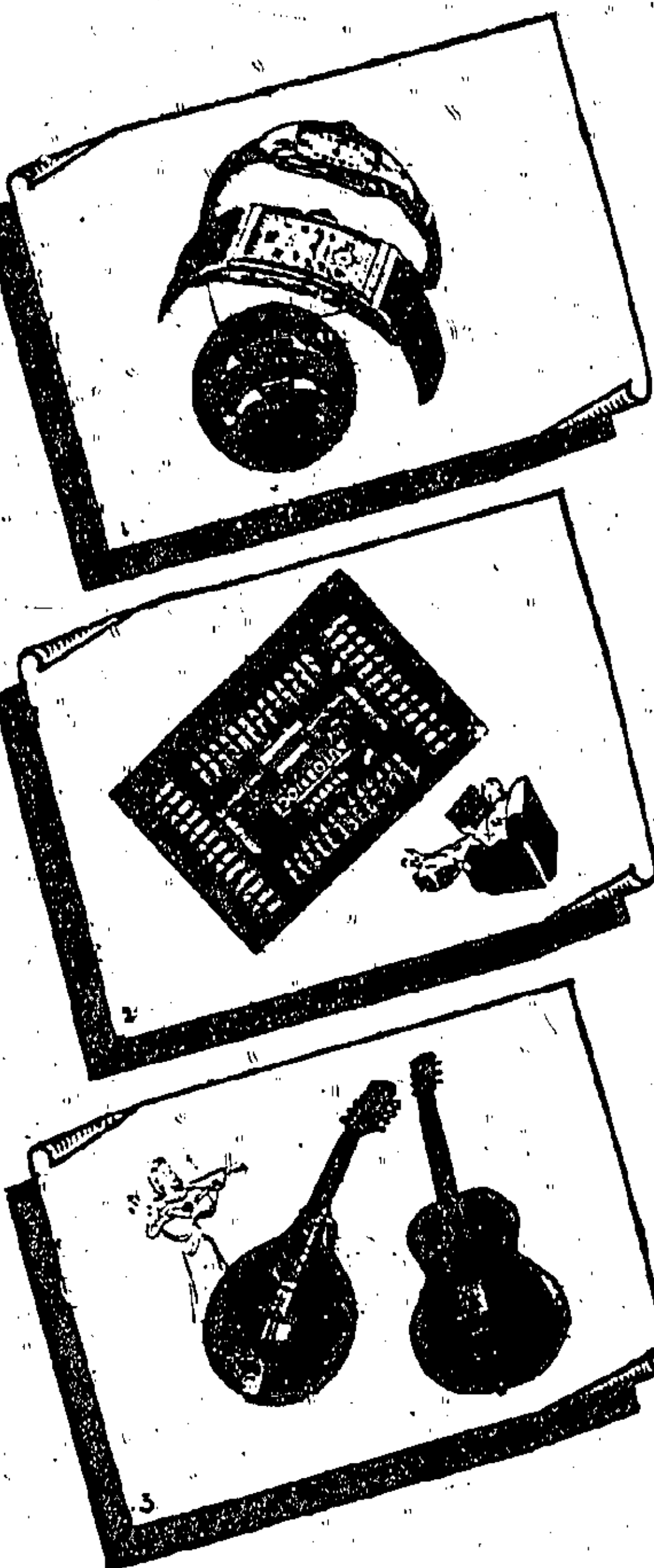
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LONDON, ENGLAND—Winston Churchill delivers a scathing attack against the Nazis.

Lockheed bombing planes under construction filling war orders for England.

Queen Elizabeth broadcasts a message of cheer to the wives and mothers.

Christmas on the march, all screendom is out for huge Christmas parade.

NEW XMAS TOYS GO ON DISPLAY.

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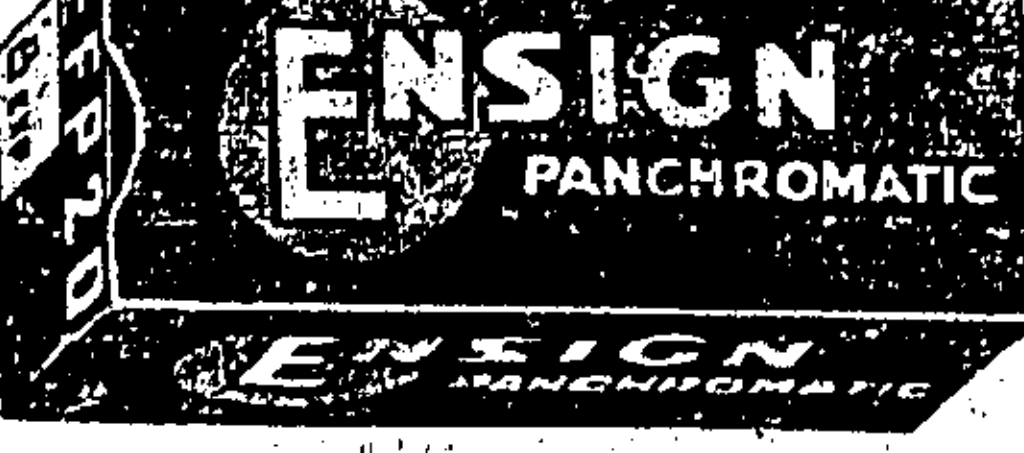
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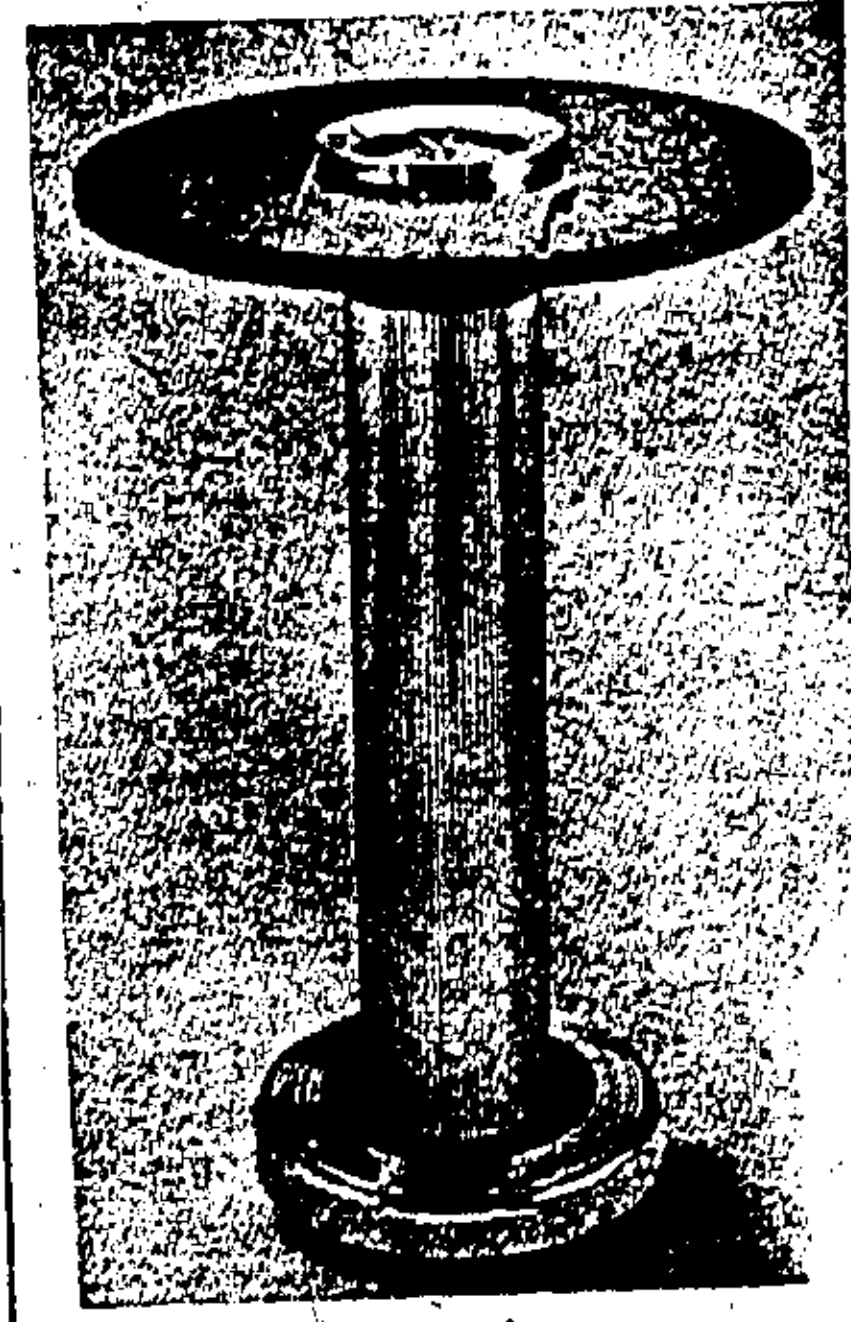


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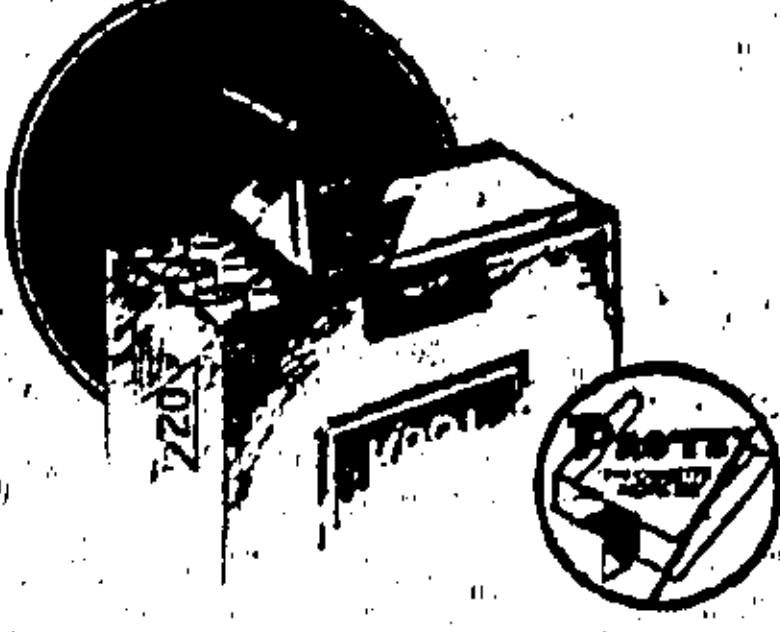
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Finance and Commerce

China Light And Power Co.'s Record Profit: Big Demand For Current

THE NUMBER OF FACTORIES, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, WHICH HAVE COME INTO BEING IN HONGKONG SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE SINO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES, bringing with them machinery which previously operated in other parts of China, was referred to as a factor in the growth of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., at the Company's 21st annual general meeting held yesterday.

The Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, said: "These factories account not only for a larger consumption of electricity for power, but also for a considerably larger number of units for the lighting requirements of the increased population in the area which your company serves."

The Company made a record profit of \$2,045,551.64 cts. (gross) for the year under review.

The meeting, which was held at the Company's head-office in St. George's Building, was well attended. The Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Leg. Hon., presided and Sir Ely Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg. Hon., the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. A. H. Compton, J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. Albert Raymond, Mr. I. N. Murray (Acting Manager) and Mr. John V. Braga (Acting Secretary), Miss Stella Bander, Dr. P.H. Rutten-gee and Messrs. J. A. Alvarez, S. M. Bander, Noel Braga, Chua Seng Choo, F. C. Cleo, A. S. Gubbay, W. B. Haslett, Lam Shu Tak, Lee Wah, Li Shiu Jone, Lo Kai Wing, Lo Wan Kwan, R. P. Morton, D. W. Munton, C. M. da Silva, B. C. Tavadia (representing Mrs. G. B. Tavadia) and Tsang Kwok Kuen (Shareholders).

The Acting Secretary having read the Notice convening the Meeting and the Auditors' Report, the Chairman said:—

Ladies and Gentlemen, CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH
In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman said, in part, The gross profit for the year amounted to \$2,045,551.64, as against \$1,663,109.88 for the previous financial year. After charging profit and loss account with directors' and auditors' fees, interest, depreciation, etc., the net profit stands at \$1,136,616.13.

The provision for depreciation amounts to \$873,265.66, as compared with \$545,875.31 for the preceding year. After allocating \$60,000 to reserve, re-General Managers' Rights and \$25,000.00 to a special Contingency Reserve, we have a sum (inclusive of the \$104,688.25 brought forward from last year) of \$1,158,334.38 available for distribution.

Your Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend at the rate of 50 cents per share on the "Old" shares and proportionate amounts on the "New" shares absorbing about \$1,063,485.30 and that the balance of about \$92,819.08 be carried forward.

EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS
It is obvious that since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937, the Company has operated under very exceptional conditions. Those conditions, which became accentuated during the period we now review, have accounted to a great extent for an increase in the net profit of \$73,595.63 for 1938/39.

Mr. Kadoorie then referred to the growth of factories in Hongkong and the increased demand for current.

In placing before you a record profit, it is necessary to mention the greatly increased costs of various items of current expenditure, the most important being for coal.

NEW POWER STATION
Last year your Chairman made mention of the new extension to your Power Station at Hok On together with the plant which was being installed therein. I am glad to record that this building is now receiving the final touches before its formal opening, and that the 120,000-lb. capacity International Combustion Boiler and 12,500 K.W. Metropolitan-Vickers Turbo-Alternator have already been commissioned and are fulfilling the requirements guaranteed by the makers.

The 200,000-lb. M.C.R. Tri-dram Water Tube Boiler, which has the distinction of having the largest travelling grate stoker in the world is nearly ready for operation, almost all of the essential parts having been received here prior to the outbreak of War. This is fortunate since new equipment of this type is now practically unobtainable even at substantially increased prices.

IMPORTANT PART
The character of your undertaking is such that it must of

necessity play an important part in the future development and industrial facilities afforded by this Colony. Its prosperity is closely linked with the industrial section of this community and to the welfare of its many consumers.

It is sincerely to be hoped that in these uncertain times, pending legislative measures for raising revenue will not be of such a radical nature as to discourage further new industries from settling in this Colony.

The fact must not be lost sight of that the great attraction of Hongkong and the Mainland for the establishment of factories has been their freedom from vexatious imposts and inquisitorial searchings so greatly resented by Chinese Capital.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo seconded, and the report and account were adopted as read.

OTHER BUSINESS
The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga, retiring directors were re-elected on the proposal of Mr. Lam Shu Tak, which was seconded by Mr. J. A. Alvarez.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, were re-elected auditors for the present year at a remuneration of \$1,800 each. This was proposed by Mr. F. C. Cleo and seconded by Mr. C. M. Silva.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

U.S. - JAPANESE TRADE RELATIONS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22 (Int'l)—Tokyo dispatches stated that Japanese expectations that the United States will make a favourable response to Foreign Minister Nomura's plea for a renewal of a commercial treaty with the United States are keyed to a feverish pitch.

Tokyo newspapers, such as the Kokumin and Yomiuri, hinted that Admiral Nomura will have to resign if the United States does not react favourably to the Japanese gesture of opening the lower section of the Yangtze.

U.S. War Traders Press For Neutrality Let-Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Havas Air)—Dissatisfied with the trouble and uncertainty resulting from application of the Neutrality Law, foreign traders have begun agitation for outright repeal of the act when Congress reconvenes in January. All agencies concerned have been trying to clarify the essential terms of the act with respect to practical day-to-day business, but the result has been only that the act continues a source of extreme difficulty for all exporters. What they want now, according to their spokesmen, is outright repeal, or at least, radical modification of its chief provisions.

Foreign trade spokesmen predict that by the beginning of the year they will have developed broad support for their demand that Congress alter the measure to permit American ships to carry cargo to any place in the European war zone upon agreement of shipowners and traders that such voyages will be entirely at their own risk.

Such an agreement, they state, would free the United States Government from any danger of being involved in any disputes with belligerents over the sinkings or seizures of American vessels. Exporters claim that the American vessels now barred from combat zones are an important part of the transatlantic service to these ports and will be increasingly missed as the war goes on. Before long bottoms will be lacking to carry vital materials overseas and exorbitant prices will have to be paid for chartered tonnage to carry

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The week has unfortunately not borne out the promises of its predecessor. There has been no set back in prices, but buyers have assumed an indifferent attitude as a consequence of disappointment in that their offers have met with a poor response from holders.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

H.K. Bank, \$1345, \$1350, \$1340.
Bank of East Asia, \$78.
Union Ins., \$412.
Wharves, \$102.
Docks, \$194, \$194.5, \$194, \$19.60, \$19.
Providents, \$4.60, \$4.
Hotels, \$4.00, \$5.05, \$5.
Humphreys, \$3.
Realities, \$4.40.
Tramways, \$174, \$17.20, \$17, \$16.90.
Yammat Ferries, \$24.
China Lights (O), \$81, \$8.20.
Electricity, \$53, \$53.1, \$53.
Telephones (O), \$24.
Telephones (N), \$83.
Cements, \$164, \$164.
Ropes, \$6.
Watsons, \$3.85.
Entertainments, \$64.
Constructions (O), \$14.
H.K. Mines, 4 cts.

BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1350.
Canton Ins., \$200.
Union Ins., \$410.
Providents, \$44.
Tramways, \$18.80.
Star Ferries, \$664.
Yammat Ferries, \$234.
Cements, \$164.
Dairy Farms (N), \$204.
Entertainments, \$6.60.
Constructions (O), \$14.

SELLERS

Providents, \$4.60.
Telephones (O), \$24.
Watsons, \$3.

SALES

Fire Ins., \$185.
Providents, \$4.524.
Yammat Ferries, \$24.
China Lights (N), \$5.
Electricity, \$53.
Cements, \$164.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 1945, Antamok 1745, Baguio Gold 1645, Batong Buhay 0145, Big Wedge 2345, Coco Grove 1745, Con. Mines 0035, Demonstration 1045, I.X.L. 425, Ipo Gold 1445, Ilogon Mining 305, Manubulo Con. 0175, Mastbate Con. 1145, Mine Operations 1145, North Gamarines 1645, Paracale Gummaus 1745, San Mauricio 875, Surigao Con. 1745, Suyoc Con. 155, Syndicate Investment 0255, United Paracale 3445, Mindanao Motherlode 0945.

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HOW JAPAN SEEKS TO FORESTALL ABROGATION OF U.S. TRADE PACT

INCREASED COMMERCE WITH GERMANY IS ONE OF MOST STRIKING EFFECTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Havas Air)—Japanese efforts to forestall effects of the expiration of the American trade treaty were described in an interesting despatch to the "Wall Street Journal." One example given was the recent experimental shipment of soy beans from Manchukuo to Germany via the Trans-Siberian Railway. The bulk of these shipments is limited, however, by the rail facilities.

Another move was the order from the United States were 65,500,000 yen or 25 percent, but rose again in October to 82,600,000 yen or 44 percent.

It is estimated that roughly 14 percent of the increased value of Japanese exports to the United States is due to the decreased value of the yen resulting from collapse of sterling at the outbreak of the war. More important, however, was the increase in the price of silk to 1,900 yen on November first. Silk exports to the United States in the eight-month period averaged 27,300,000 yen monthly but rose in September and October to 55,200,000 yen monthly.

SILK EXPORTS UP
Other articles, as well as silk have increased as export items in the two months following the war. Canned goods rose from 1,400,000 yen monthly in the first eight months to 4,000,000 yen each in September and October, tea from 400,000 yen to 1,400,000 yen; bleached cotton from 400,000 to 1,000,000 yen; her vegetable oils from 500,000 yen to 1,200,000 yen; and camphor from 1,200,000 yen to 400,000 yen.

IMPORTS FROM U.S.
In the first eight months of the year, Japan's imports from the United States were \$2,400,000 per month, or 48 per cent, of her total imports outside the yen bloc. In September Japanese imports from the United States were \$5,000 to 400,000 yen.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

LONDON, Dec. 21. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½% (Red after 1932)	92½
Canton-Kloon Ry. 5%	17
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1938 (Brit. Issue)	56
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47
China, 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	35
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	13
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	55
Honan Ry. 5%	15
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911	17
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	18
Lung Tai & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	18
Shai-Ning Ry. 5%	20
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	14
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	56½
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	54
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	54
Chartered Bank	8-7/18
E.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	83
E.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	85
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17
Chosen Corporation	4/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/8
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	13
Shai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	23½
Gula Kalampong Rubber Allied Ironfounders	14/3
Asso. & Elec. Industries	38/104
Austin Motors, ord.	16/9
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	56½
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	92/8
Mercantile Bank	11½
Cannell Laird, ord.	6/7½
Mexican Eagle	6/7½
Courtaulds	37½
Distillers	66/9
Dunlop Rubber	30/3
Gen. Electric (England)	74/104
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	81/14
Hawker Siddeley Airc.	15/-
Bristol Aeroplane	14/-
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29/7½
Imperial Tobacco	118/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52½
Rolls Royce	93/1½
Leyland Motors	87/9
Tate & Lyle	57
Turner & Newall	66/4½
United Steel	20/9
Smethwick Drop Forg.	13/8
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	8
Pressed Steel, com.	14
Vickers, ord.	16½
Woolworths	61/9
Anglo-Dutch	27/3
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	34/1½
Burma Corporation	11/9
Commonwealth Mining	15
Marsman Investments	38/9
Randfontein Estates	10/8
Western Holdings	209
Sub-Nigel	3d
Tanami Gold Mining	53
Anglo-Italian	61/3
Burmah	61/3
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	80/7½
Nominal	

BRITISH RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT FOR WAR TRANSPORT

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter)—A new type of railway wagon, called the "Lownt Waggon," has been developed for the transport of gas cylinders for the balloon barrage. Lorries with these cylinders are a familiar sight on Britain's roads today and will now be able to run directly on to the waggons, saving a great deal of loading and unloading.

It was learned yesterday that 5,500 special troop and munition trains were run by British railways during the first three months of the war.

FOREIGN GOODS IMITATED

SIAM, Dec. 22 (Int'l)—Large quantities of foreign goods with Russian, German and American labels, which flooded North Siam, were found to be Japanese products with camouflaged marks. Imported via Shanai and Hanoi provinces.

Most foreign commodities are unable to reach the northwest

CANADA ORDERS WAR MATERIAL

LONDON, Dec. 22 (BWS)—According to an official announcement from Ottawa, between Sept. 1 and Nov. 21, the Canadian Government placed orders for war material totalling nearly £12,000,000.

Of these orders, aircraft accounted for £3,000,000, while the other principal items including clothing and equipment, £1,600,000, fuel £500,000 and construction projects £2,000,000.

In addition, during the same period, orders were placed for railway equipment to the value of £5,000,000.

owing to difficulty in transportation and high prices, hence Japanese goods dominate the field.

Both the provincial government and headquarters of the 8th Route Army are making an effort to check the influx of enemy goods, and importers are liable to severe punishment.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS

No. 1 Hamper

1 qt. Sparkling Burgundy	} = \$18.50
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin	
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No. 2 Hamper

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1 " Gordon's Dry Gin	
1 " Black & White Whisky	
1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry	

No. 3 Hamper

1 qt. Sparkling Burgundy Grand Vin Mousseux	} = \$33.00
1 " Black & White Whisky	
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin	
1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry	
1 pt. Gordon's Peppermint	
1 qt. Hunt's Full Rich Port	

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Formal	FRIDAY 22. DEC.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Formal
Banks								
\$1350	H.K. Bank .....	...	...	...	\$1350
...	Do. (Col. Reg.) .....	...	...	...	285
...	Do. (Ldn. Reg.) .....	...	...	...	283
...	Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	8-7/18
...	Mercantile Bk. "A" .....	...	...	...	229½
...	Mercantile Bk. "O" .....	...	...	...	211½
...	Bank of East Asia .....	...	...	...	7/8
...	N. C. & S. Bank .....	...	...	...	80 cts.
Insurance								
\$200	Canton Insurance .....	...	...	...	\$220
\$410	Union Insurance .....	...	...	...	\$405
...	Underwriters .....	...	...	...	80 cts.
...	H.K. Fire .....	...	...	...	\$185
Shipping								
...	Douglas .....	...	...	...	\$71
...	Steamships .....	...	...	...	\$11
...	Indo-China (Fr.) .....	...	...	...	\$90
...	Indo-China (Def.) .....	...	...	...	\$120
...	Shells .....	...	...	...	\$13
...	Waterboats .....	...	...	...	\$8
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. .....	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves .....	...	...	...	\$101
...	Providence (new) .....	...	...	...	\$4½
...	H.K. & W. Dock .....	...	...	...	\$19½
...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks B. .....	...	...	...	\$195
...	New Engineering B. .....	...	...	...	\$19.80
...	Mining .....	...	...	...	...
...	Kailans .....	...	...	...	17/8
...	Bau .....	...	...	...	\$10.10
...	Venezuela Gold Flds .....	...	...	...	\$4
...	Hong Kong Mines .....	...	...	...	4 cts.
Buildings								
...	H.K. Hotels .....	...	...	...	\$5
...	H.K. Lands .....	...	...	...	\$33
...	Do. 4% Debentures .....	...	...	...	100½
...	Shanghai Lands B. .....	...	...	...	\$11
...	H.K. Realities .....	...	...	...	\$4.40
...	Humphreys .....	...	...	...	\$8
...	Chinese Estates .....	...	...	...	\$101
...	Cotton Mills .....	...	...	...	...
...	Ewo (B.) .....	...	...	...	\$26
...	Shai Cottons (B.) .....	...	...	...	\$162
...	Zoong Sings (B.) .....	...	...	...	\$42
...	Wing On Textiles (B.) .....	...	...	...	\$160
Public Utilities								
...	Tramways .....	...	...	...	\$16.90
...	Park Trams (old) .....	...	...	...	\$8
...	Park Trams (new) .....	...	...	...	\$4
...	Star Ferries .....	...	...	...	\$66½
...	Taipei Ferries .....	...	...	...	\$23½
...	China Lights (O) .....	...	...	...	\$3.10
...	China Lights (New) .....	...	...	...	\$5
...	China Lights Bk. .....	...	...	...	\$53
...	H.K. Electric .....	...	...	...	\$53
...	Macao Electric .....	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights .....	...	...	...	\$11
...	Telephones (old) .....	...	...	...	\$24½
...	Telephones (new) .....	...	...	...	\$8.85
...	Tractions .....	...	...	...	18/8
...	Tractions (pref.) .....	...	...	...	...
Industrials								
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) B. .....	...	...	...	\$1
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) B. .....	...	...	...	\$1
...	Canton Ice .....	...	...	...	\$16.80
...	Cements .....	...	...	...	\$6
...	Bones .....	...	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous .....	...	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farm (Old) .....	...	...	...	\$91
...	Dairy Farm (New) .....	...	...	...	\$20½
...	Ob. B'ainments .....	...	...	...	\$6.60
...	Constructions (old) .....	...	...	...	\$11
...	Constructions (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford .....	...	...	...	\$8
...	Nanyang Tobacco .....	...	...	...	\$4
...	Sinocera .....	...	...	...	\$2
...	Walcroft .....	...	...	...	\$2.85
...	Ch. G. & 1286 S'ide .....	...	...	...	47½
...	H.K. Govt. 4% Loan .....	...	...	...	100½
...	H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan .....	...	...	...	97½
...	H.K. Wing On .....	...	...	...	\$41
...	Shai Wing On .....	...	...	...	\$10
...	Vibro Piling .....	...	...	...	\$9½
...	Marmans Inv. (Ldn.) .....	...	...	...	15/0
...	Marmans Inv. (H.K.) .....	...	...	...	4/0
...	Wm. Powsell .....	...	...	...	31
*Sales to Shanghai								

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter). Silver: Speculators sold. India bought. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady. Spot, 23-3/8d. Forward, 23-1/2d.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Dec. 21 (Reuter). Official Price, 38-1/2.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 21 (Reuter). Market—Quiet. Offtake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-05
Jan. 6 Settlement 62-07
Feb. 3 Settlement 63-02

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

TIN
Buyers sellers
Standard, 250-3/4 251
3 months 250 250-1/2
Standard, 250-3/4
Settlement Price 250-3/4
Strait 276 nominal

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 22, 1939.

On London:—

Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/8

Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8

Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4

On Shanghai:—

On demand 310

On Singapore:—

On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:—

On demand 103 1/2

On India:—

Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2

and demand 1/2 1/2

On New York:—

Bank Bills, on demand 34 7/16

Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/16

On Batavia:—

On demand 45 1/2

On Paris:—

Bank Bills, on demand 1/30

Credits 4 months' sight 1/45

On Saigon:—

On demand 1/18 1/2

On Manila:—

On demand 48 7/8

On Bangkok:—

On demand 149 1/2

Sterling Notes:—

Bank Buying Rate 1/4

Bar Silver per oz 23 3/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were lowered yesterday to the extent of 1/16 for Ready

and 1/8 for Forward, the quotations being 23 3/8 and 23 1/2 respectively.

Silver advances reported India as having bought and Speculators as having sold. The market was steady but quiet.

American Silver was quoted at 34.

The London-New York cross rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 394 5/8.

Market

Sterling.

There were sellers at 1/3 December, 1/23/32 March and 1/25/16 June, buyers at 1/31/32 Cash and 1/1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24 5/8 December, 24 1/2 January and 24 3/8 February, buyers at 24 11/16 Cash, 24 9/16 January and 24 7/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers 318 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling sellers for September were quoted at the opening at 4 1/2/32 and towards the close at noon there were sellers for Spot at 4 11/16, U.S. Dollars, at the opening there were sellers at 7 1/2/32 and closed at noon with sellers at 7 11/16 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

The market was extremely dull in the afternoon.

Sterling

In sterling the market closed with sellers at 1/3 December/January and 1/23/32 February/March and 1/25/16 May/June, buyers at 1/31/32 Cash and 1/1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24 5/8 Dec. 24 1/2 January, 24 3/8 February, Buyers at 24 11/16 Cash, 24 9/16 January, and 24 7/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 318 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

There were sellers for Spot at 4 11/16, U.S. Dollars sellers for Spot at 7 11/16.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 22 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4

New York 6-7/8

Japan 29-1/4

India 23-1/2

Paris 3.11

Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/4-11/16 0/4-45/64

Dec. 0/4-11/16 0/4-45/64

Jan. 0/4-41/64 0/4-21/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot 7-11/16 7-23/32

Dec. 7-11/16 7-23/32

Jan. 7-9/16 7-19/32

Market:—Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-5/8.

U.S. Dollars, 27-5/8.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d. unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 80-3/8.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-08-0 nominal.

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HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, Dec. 21, 1939.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

Previous day December 21

S P O T

JAN-MARCH

APRIL-MARCH

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER

Previous close Today's close

S P O T

JAN-MARCH

APRIL-MARCH

The market was dull and featureless.

NEW YORK COTTON

January position lead the advance under covering by shorts, scarcity of offerings, moderate price-fixing and better foreign demand. The "Spot" position is tight.

NEW YORK RUBBER

The easiness of foreign markets, the withdrawal of factory interest, larger dealer offerings and scattered December liquidation are depressing factors. Shipments are light with prices on an unworkable basis.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Cold weather in the North-West, continued dryness in the South-West and the firmness of foreign markets were all steady influences. The strength of cash wheat was also a substantial factor. The Government acreage report shows 45,014,000 with the condition 55 percent of normal.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Previous close 149.13; Today's close 149.10; Change off .03

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. F. Levy & Company)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	10.87	10.53	10.63	10.88
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.08	18.95	19.13	18.95
Chicago Wheat, May	10.51	10.31	10.31	10.51
Chicago Corn, May	5.81	5.71	5.81	5.81
New York Hides, Mar.	15.18	14.86	15.01	14.99
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	10.85/85	10.90/90	11.05/05	20 up
March	10.63/66	10.73/74	10.88/88	25 up
May	10.25/28	10.34/34	10.51/53	28 up
July	9.86/86	9.89/90	10.05/08	19 up
July (New contract)	10.10 N	10.11/11	10.26/28	15 up
October	9.40/40	9.43/44	9.60/60	20 up
December	9.32/32	9.38/38	9.50/50	13 up
Spot	11.06 N		11.11 N	25 up
Volume (In contract of 100 bales each)			131,500 bales.	
Note: January cotton, first notice day:—26/12/39 last notice day:—17/1/40.				
NEW YORK RUBBER				
December	20.24/32		20.30/31	.06 up
March	19.13/16	19.03/08	18.95/95	.18 off
May	18.90b/95a	18.85/83	18.72/72	.18 off
July	18.73/73	18.64/64	18.50/50	.23 off
September	18.50b/52a		18.35 N	.15 off
Note: December rubber, last notice day:—27/12/39.				
Total sales for the day:—1,120 tons.				
CHICAGO WHEAT				
December	10.61/10.61		10.61/10.61	2 1/2 up
May	10.51/10.51	10.51/10.51	10.51/10.51	1 1/2 up
July	10.21/10.21	10.21/10.21	10.21/10.21	1 1/2 up
Wednesday's sales:—43,013,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN				
December	5.51/5.51		5.51/5.51	1/4 off
May	5.81/5.81	5.81/5.81	5.81/5.81	1/4 off
July	5.71/5.71		5.71/5.71	1/4 off
WINNEPEG WHEAT				
December	8.51/8.51		8.51/8.51	1/4 up
May	8.81/8.81	8.81/8.81	8.81/8.81	1/4 up
July	9.01/9.01		9.01/9.01	1/4 up
NEW YORK HIDES				
March	15.01/03	15.05/02	14.99/15.05	.02 off
June	15.27/30	15.33/30	15.28/37	.01 up
New York Official	36-1/8		36-1/2	
NY-London Cross Rate 3.95			3.94-5/8	

WEEKLY RETURNS, AND REPORTS

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Dec. 21 (Reuter)

	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
Public Deposits	4,800	3,500
Other Deposits		
Bankers	87,740	114,350
Other Accounts	40,660	40,380
Total	128,400	155,230
Government Securities	126,110	145,230
Other Securities		
Discount & Advances	5,280	5,450
Securities	24,430	28,020
Total	29,710	33,470
Notes and Coins	36,170	29,910
Total Bullion	1,290	1,250
Notes in circulation	545,120	552,940
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	20.7%	16.2%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	168/-	168/-

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

New York, Dec. 21 (Reuter)

	Dec. 15	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
Bills Bought	1,000		
U.S. Securities Held	2,564,000	2,512,000	2,498,000
Federal Reserve Ratio	83.63%	85.82%	86.48%
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	2,600,000	2,643,000	2,645,000
Monetary Gold Stock	14,380,000	17,464,000	17,578,000
Industrial Advances	15,579,000	11,143,000	11,189,000

New York Exchange

New York, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate).

3.95.

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 168.

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

Loan on securities to brokers in New York:—

Week-ended.

Week-ended.

Dec. 15 Dec. 14 Dec. 21

\$895,000,000 \$638,000,000 \$666,000,000

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

DEC. 22, 1939

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 21	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 21
Adams Express	8		Lakey Foundry & Mac.	3 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	50	
Allied Stores	9		Lockheed Aircraft	29 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	39 1/2		Loew's Inc.	34 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	96		Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2	
Amerasia Corp.			Manhattan Shirt Co.		
Amer. Can.	112 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	39 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	—		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.		
Amer. & Foreign Power	2		Montanto Chemical	107 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pt.	23 1/2		Montgomery Ward	53 1/2	
American Gas & Elec	38		National Aviation	13 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	22		Nat. Dairy Products	16	
Amer. Metals Co.	23 1/2		Nat. Distillers	23	
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2		National Gypsum	11	
Amer. Rolling Mill	16 1/2		National Lead	20	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	5 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	20 1/2		National Steel Corp.	70 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2		Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	84 1/2		New York Central	18	
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	30 1/2		N. American Aviation	25 1/2	
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2		North American Co.	22 1/2	
Auburn Motors	23		Northern Pacific	8 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	61 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2		Pacific Lighting	48 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	29 1/2		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	82 1/2		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	21 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	41 1/2	
Borg-Warner	24 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	40	
Biggs Manufacturing	21 1/2		Pittsburg Coke & Iron	7 1/2	
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	13 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	40	
Brooklyn-Manhattan S	47 1/2		Pullman Inc.	31 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	4 1/2		Pure Oil	8 1/2	
Case J. I.	70 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2	
Celanese	29 1/2		Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2		Reading Company, 1st pfd.	25 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	88 1/2		Remington Arms Co. Inc.	43 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	39 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	81 1/2		Republic Steel	23 1/2	
Columbia Gas & El.	6 1/2		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	13 1/2	
Columbia 6 1/2 "A" pf.	84 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	36 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	45		Richfield Oil	8	
Com. & Southern (ord)	1 1/2		Safeway Stores	47 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2		Schenley Distillers	12 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	7		Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 pfd.		
Continental Can.	42		Sears Roebuck	82 1/2	
Continental Oil	24 1/2		Shell Union Oil	12 1/2	
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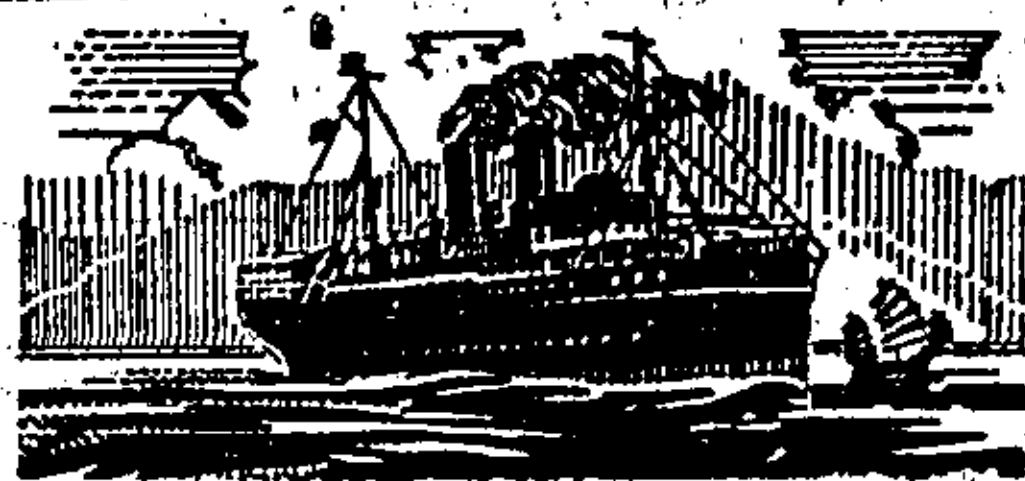
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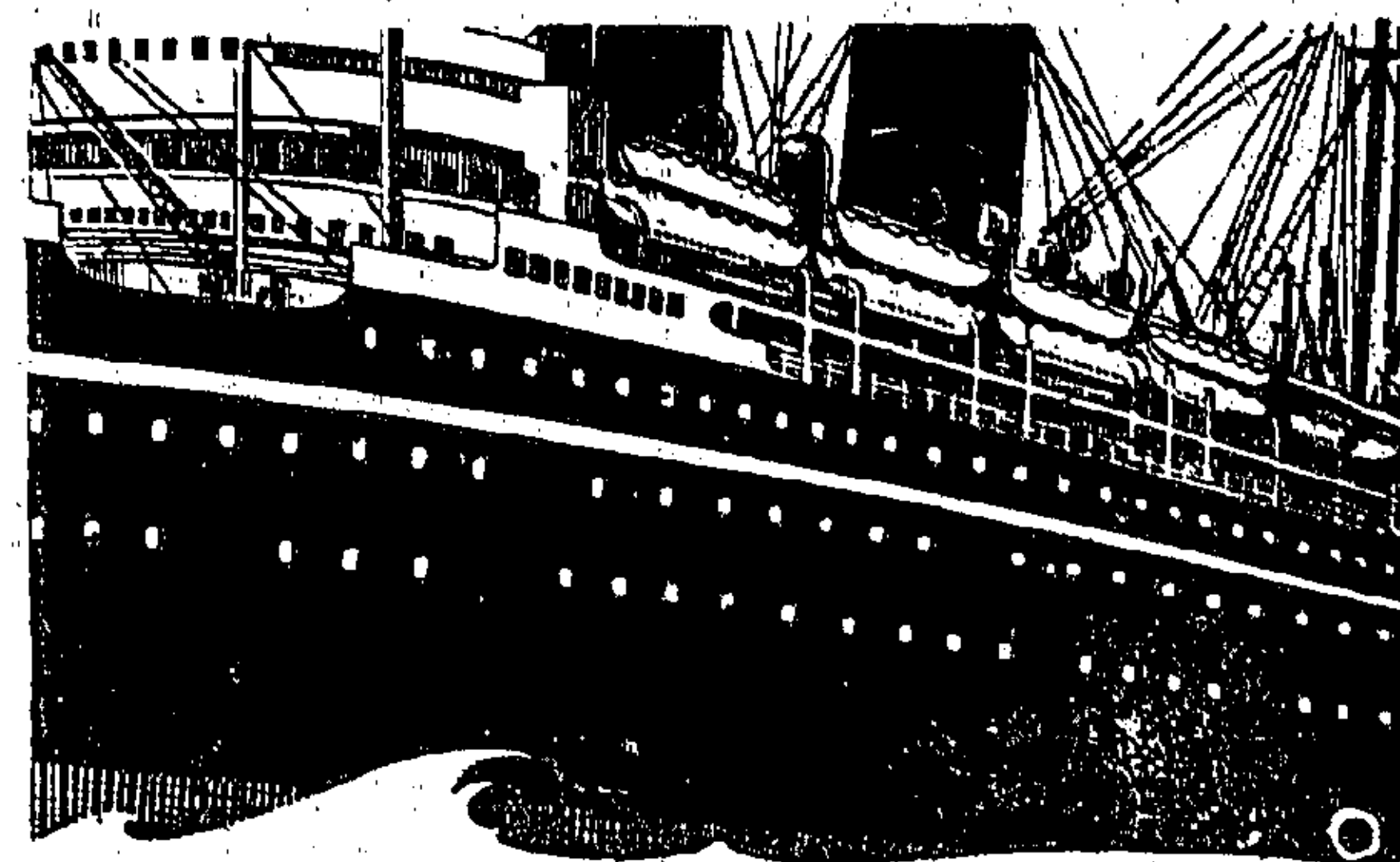
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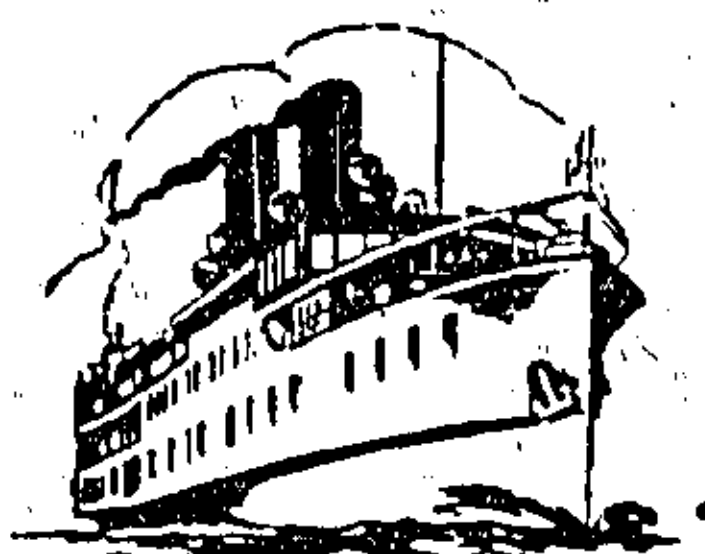
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VITAL GAME IN TRIANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT TODAY

CLUB - ARMY CLASH

The second round of the annual Rugby Football Tournament between the Army, Navy and Club will commence today on the Club ground at Happy Valley when the Army will play the Club. The kick-off will be at 4 p.m. His Excellency, the Governor has intimated that he hopes to witness the game.

On the result of this match, the fate of the Triangular Tournament trophy probably rests.

The Triangular Tournament game will be preceded by a match between the Navy A XV and the Club A XV which will commence at 2.45 p.m.

Surgeon Cmdr. Nicholson will referee the Triangular Tournament game and Dr. J. A. R. Selby the earlier match.

THE TEAMS

Club sides have been selected as follows:—

CLUB 1st XV: J. R. Henderson (23), D. H. Stewart (2), J. Hutchison (1), H. D. Bidwell (3), D. I. Bosanquet (5), J. C. Charter (4), J. M. Thomson (24), A. F. Walkden (13) (Captain), R. G. Castleton (25), R. E. Heasman (11), E. A. Bompas (27), C. F. Needham (12), B. O'M. Deane (23), A. J. G. Taylor (18) and G. B. Godfrey (28).

CLUB "A" XV: H. F. Hopkins, H. van Leeuwen (Capt.), D. B. Nelson, B. C. Fay, P. B. Wilson, G. S. Wilson, C. G. Tredder, E. W. Slout, F. Burford, P. F. Wanklyn, B. Hynes, A. G. Dalziel, J. Redman, A. M. Kennedy and G. J. P. Carey.

H.K. CLUB V. ARMY AT CRICKET

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club v. the Army on Boxing Day at the Hongkong Cricket Club. Play commences at 11 a.m.

T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. T. Ride, J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, D. McLellan, R. D. Gillespie, J. L. C. Pearce, T. V. N. Fortescue, D. I. Bosanquet, B. C. Fay, L. D. Kilbee.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for tomorrow, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

OLD COURSE

8.16 M. Pollock, R.R. de L. Liesching
8.20 L. R. Cramer, M. D. Cooper.
8.24 T. L. Christie, D. J. Gilmore.
8.28 R. H. Gregory, W. Hewitt.
8.32 G. R. Horridge, G. E. R. Divett.
8.36 R. C. Girdner, E. T. McMullen.
8.40 I. P. Tamworth, R. G. Parker.
8.44 W. A. Stewart, T. Low.
8.48 R. C. Stewart, F. A. M. Elliott.
8.52 O. E. C. Marton, S. H. Dodwell.
8.56 F. C. Young, J. W. Mayhew.
9.00 D. M. McDougall, T. Megarry.
9.04 A. V. Greaves, B. Purvis.
9.08 A. K. Mackenzie, F. D. Hunter.
9.12 D. L. Prophet, H. S. Jones.
9.16 D. Allen, S. C. Feltham.
9.20 T. A. Pearce, L. M. Wyle.
9.24 J. B. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan.
9.28 J. D. and J. M. Thomson.
9.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
9.36 K. S. Robertson, W. W. C. Sheehan.
9.40 J. P. Murphy, A. Mabb.
9.44 C. C. Willson, H. A. Mills.
9.48 A. M. Kennedy, R. G. Gray.
9.52 N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. Williamson.
9.56 C. Aitkenhead, M. S. Banner.
10.00 C. D. N. Walker, G. M. Cauthery.
10.04 C. C. Black, H. G. Sheldon.
10.08 Col. Rose, Wing Cdr. Steele-Perkins.
10.12 B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
10.16 J. M. Pearson, G. M. Park.
10.20 F. Groves, A. E. Lissaman.
10.24 E. C. R. Hight, G. R. Riddell.
10.28 J. W. Clague, P. E. Annis.
10.32 B. O. Baldwin, J. A. Mackay.

NEW COURSE

9.24 A. Sommerfeld, S. S. Church.
9.28 A. M. Mack, M. G. Carruthers.
9.32 Lieut. Carter, G. T. Harrington.
9.36 Brig. MacLeod, Major Meek.
9.40 Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Smalley.
9.44 Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Hunter.
9.48 Col. Smith, Mrs. Murrell.
9.52 Col. and Mrs. Matthews.
9.56 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.00 Col. Shackleton, Major Murray.
10.04 Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.
10.08 F. Chatty, Miss Vickers.
10.12 Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Steele-Perkins.
*Unsuccessful in ballot on the Old Course.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

OLD COURSE

8.16 E. R. McKee, J. W. Mayhew.
8.20 I. P. Tamworth, R. G. Gray.
8.24 C. G. Aitkenhead, M. S. Banner.
8.28 J. P. Murphy, A. Mabb.
8.32 J. B. Harrison, R. J. K. Walker.
8.36 D. L. Bosanquet, M. G. Carruthers.
8.40 C. D. N. Walker, R. G. Parker.
8.44 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
8.48 Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown.
8.52 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

OLD COURSE

8.16 M. Pollock, R. J. K. Walker.
8.20 G. T. Harrington, G. R. Riddell.
8.24 E. P. Stratfield, M. G. Carruthers.
8.28 Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
8.32 M. A. Johnson, A. J. Dennis.
8.36 G. Worrall, E. T. McMullen.
8.40 W. L. Alexander, W. A. Stewart.
8.44 J. B. Harrison, E. J. D. Lowe.
8.48 F. Groves, J. S. Sengier.
8.52 J. G. Campbell, S. T. Butlin.
8.56 L. Goldman, M. D. Cooper.
9.00 I. P. Tamworth, G. A. Lieper.
9.04 J. P. Murphy, A. Mabb.
9.08 R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
9.12 L. R. Andrews, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
9.16 R. Young, A. K. Mackenzie.
9.20 W. S. Hillier, J. W. Mayhew.
9.24 V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
9.28 A. McKellar, J. Linaker.
9.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
9.36 M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.

NEW COURSE

8.20 Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown.
8.24 Wing Cdr. Steele-Perkins, Col. Matthews.
8.28 Mrs. Steele-Perkins, Mrs. Matthews.
8.32 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Johnson.
8.36 Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Hunter.
8.40 Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Smalley.
8.44 A. M. Mack, Capt. Moor.
8.48 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

INTERESTING HOCKEY MATCH TOMORROW

Nomads To Meet Recreio

(BY "RECORDER")
An interesting hockey match will be played tomorrow when Club de Recreio meet the Nomads Hockey Club in their Association Tournament; fixture at King's Park, 10.30 a.m.

The stronger side on paper, the home team would do well not to under-rate their opponents whose showing against the C.B.A. last Sunday had best be treated as a vagary of hockey.

A notable absentee from the Recreio line-up is J. Gonsalves whose place in the last line of defence will be filled by J. M. Gosano while P. Yvanovich, right-wing, has been replaced by J. Fonseca. The Nomads have made two changes. S. A. Reed, after a bout of malaria, will make a welcome re-appearance at right-half while F. Soares will do duty between the "sticks" in place of their regular custodian, E. A. Alves.

The teams:
RECREIO:—H. Gonsalves; J. M. Gosano, E. L. Gosano, R. Marques, W. A. Reed, A. M. Alves; J. Fonseca, N. Beltrao, B. T. Gosano, F. Sequeira and J. Soares.
NOMADS:—F. Soares; H. Soares, K. Xavier; S. A. Reed, R. J. Reed, L. Souza, R. M. da Silva, F. O. Reed, J. H. Franco, P. Rull and B. Xavier.

ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM
The following is the probable team that will represent St. Joseph's today in their League encounter with South China "A" at Caroline Hill at 4 p.m.:—Sammy Tsang; C. Remedios, J. Bowen; C. Marques, J. Hussain, Honniball; T. Castilho, B. T. Gosano, D. Leonard, J. A. Pereira and J. Alves.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

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TOMORROW

"THE MAGIC SHIRT" A PLAY
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10.15—11.15 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from The Methodist Church.
12.15 p.m. Tchaikovsky—1212 Overture.

The Philharmonic Orchestra, Berlin, with the Ural Cossacks; Choir conducted by Alexander Kitzschin.
12.32 Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

Hedge Rode (Schubert, Op. 3, No. 3); Impatience (Schubert, Op. 25, No. 3); The Elf King (Schubert, Op. 1)—with Piano accompaniment by Gerald Moore.
12.42 Light Orchestral Selections.

Manhattan Serenade (Alfieri); When Day Is Done (De Sylva-Katcher)—Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra. "Balalaika" Selection (Foster)—New Mafair Orchestra. Last Wilson Melodies—Intro: When dull care; Phyllis has such charming graces; The Sailor's Life; My lovely Cella; Come, let's be merry—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Selections from Light Opera. "Lilac Time" Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutnam)—New Mayfair Orchestra. "Heart's Desire"—Vocal Gems (Sicconsi)—Webster Booth (Tenor). "Medley (Rail)—Nat. Salkret & His Orchestra. "The Yemmen of Guard"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert and Sullivan)—Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Concert Waltzes.

The Merry Widow—Waltz (Lehar); The Chocolate Soldier—My Hero, Waltz (Oscar Strauss)—Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. Charles Ansell's Waltz Medley—Intro: Nights of Gladness; Why Glances; Smiles then kisses; Temptation; Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley—Intro: Passing of Salome; A thousand kisses; When the birds began to sing; Dreaming; Songs d'Antoine—Viennese Waltz Orchestra.

2.02 Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sandier and His Orchestra. "Smilin' Through (Penn)—Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orch. Tell Me Tonight (Spollansky); Where The Woods are Green (Broderick)—arr. Wenzel—Albert Sandier and His Orchestra. Come Back To Sorrento (Aveling and De Cuir)—Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orch. With You (film "Briar Ecstasy")—Albert Sandier and His Orchestra with Marjorie Stedford (Vocal). Indiana Sweetheart (Hansen)—Albert Sandier and His Orchestra. Lover, Come Back To Me (from "New Moon")—Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orch. Live, Laugh and Love (Theme Song "Congress Dances"); Jealousy (Gade)—Albert Sandier and His Orchestra. 2.30 Close down.

7.00 London Relay—"The Magic Shirt" or "A Slight Mistake by the Laundry".

A new play by Devenish.
7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.30 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Christmas Carols.
8.08 God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; I Saw Three Ships (arr. Stainer); The Holly and the Ivy (arr. Stainer); See Amid the Winter's Snow (arr. Goss). Royal Choral Society with Organ.

The Christmas Waits (Traditional)—A Christmas Choir and The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
8.15 Studio—Recital by Father O'Mara (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by A. T. Lay.

(a) Jerusalem, Thou That Killest The Fruit (St. Paul—Mendelssohn); (b) If With All Your Hearts (Elijah)—Mendelssohn; (c) The Knight of Bethlehem ("The Husband of Power"—David Clegghorn Thomson)—Father O'Mara (Baritone). 2. Noel (Balfour Gardner)—A. T. Lay at the Piano.
(a) The Lamb (Landon Ronald); (b) A Cradle Song (Landon Ronald); (c) At Night Time (Alicia Adelaide Needham)—Father O'Mara (Baritone).

8.35 Band Music.
The Standard Of St. George—Quick March (Alford)—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands. Military March (Specially arranged)—H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
8.45 Studio—Talk "Christmas 1914."
9.00 Selection of Old Time Medleys.

"It's A Lovely War"—Medley (arr. Debroy Somers)—Intro: Here We Are Again; Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts; Never Mind; Army of Today's All Right; We Haven't Seen the Kaiser; Oh! Oh! It's A Lovely War. Who Were You With Last Night; All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor; Mademoiselle from Armentieres; When There Isn't a Girl About; Debroy Somers Band with Eale Quartet. Good Old Song Of The Good Old Days—Intro: Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland; Hittity Koo; You Made Me Love You; Every Little While; Never Mind; Goodbye—The Old Timers with Orchestra.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 The Royal Command Concert Held At The Albert Hall, London. To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell)—Davies—Isobel Baillie, Elsie Suddaby, Astra Desmond and Chorus. The Cloud-Cap Towers (Stevens)—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands. Bore Glas (Welsh Folk Song)—Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus. Teardrop (English Folk Song)—Robert Easton and English Chorus. England (Parry)—Mary Jarred and Massed Chorus. Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem (Final) verse)—Massed Chorus.

9.50 Hutchinson—A Noel Fantasy from "A Carol Symphony". Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden, cond. by Hely Hutchinson.
10.00 Studio—A Christmas Story.
10.30 Close down.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 a.m.

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Shanghai	28th Dec.
Straits	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
Sandakan	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	28th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	28th Dec.
Straits and Saigon	28th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	28th Dec.
Japan	28th Dec.
London and Straits	28th Dec.
Haiphong and Hellow.	28th Dec.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 8th December 1939).	28th Dec.
Japan	3rd Jan.
Java and Manila	3rd Jan.
Straits and Manila	3rd Jan.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai—(Vancouver B. C. date 18th December)	4th Jan.
Shanghai	4th Jan.
Shanghai	4th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	5th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 15th December 1939).	5th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	5th Jan.
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Haiphong	10.00 AM
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